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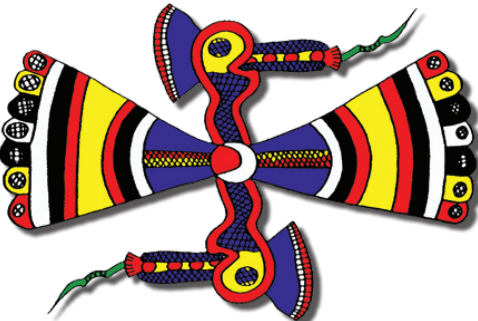
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Barnett named Speaker

• Rep. Sam Alexander named Second Speaker

**THE 16TH
SESSION**



Pictured above is the Palen-Ephokaken (16th) Session of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council being sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Amos McNac at the 2010 Inauguration.

OKMULGEE — The 16th Session of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council was conducted on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 in the Mound Auditorium of the tribal capitol complex in Okmulgee.

Seating capacity was filled as tribal district representatives took the oath of office and were officially sworn in to serve the Nation and their respective areas by Muscogee (Creek) Supreme Court Justice Amos McNac.

The first act of the session was to nominate and fill the offices of Speaker, Second Speaker and Sergeant-at-Arms. Nominations and vote count were conducted in public during the session.

Roger Barnett, from Creek District, was selected as Speaker while Sam Alexander from the Tulsa District, was voted as Second Speaker. David Hill, who is also from the Creek District, was chosen as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Speaker shall preside over the Council but shall have no vote unless the National Council is equally divided while the Second Speaker shall preside in absence of the Speaker. These representatives, as well as the Sergeant-at-Arms, will fill their respective offices for two years.

Thomas Yahola, who represents the Tvkvpvtce District, had served as Speaker previously.

The session saw two new representatives sworn in as well. Pearl Thomas from Okmulgee District was welcomed as a newcomer to the Council as Seat D representative while former Rep. George Tiger returns to serve as Creek District Seat B.

Presently the Tulsa District Seat A is vacant, but will be occupied following the upcoming Special General Election to be held on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010.

MNNI/Gerald Wofford

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2010 MCN Inauguration

• Palen-Ephokaken National Council sworn in

Media Release
MCN Legislative Branch

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, one of the largest Indian tribes in the United States with original boundaries covering eight counties in the northeastern Oklahoma and a tribal enrollment of 69,045 (as of press time), held Inauguration activities Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at the Mound Building.

Members of the Legislative Branch took the oath of office for the Palen-Ephokaken (16th) Session of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, which was administered by Supreme Court Justice Amos McNac.

The Inauguration was held during a Special Session that was called by current Speaker of the National Council, Thomas Yahola.

According to Yahola, “The Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation states, the term of office shall begin at the first meeting of the National Council following the first day of January and the oath of office shall be taken at the first meeting. Also, the National Council will elect from their number a Speaker, who shall preside over the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and they shall choose a Second Speaker.”

The following representatives were certified by the records of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board to take office in the Palen-



MNNI/Gerald Wofford

Pictured above is newly-elected Muscogee (Creek) National Council Speaker Roger Barnett (left) who represents Creek District being sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Amos McNac

Ephokaken (16th) Session (2010-2011) of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

Creek District: Seat A - David Hill, Seat B - George Tiger, Seat C - Roger Barnett

McIntosh District: Seat A - Darrell Proctor, Seat B - Adam Jones III, Seat C - Selina Jane-Dornan

Muskogee District: Seat A - Pete Beaver, Seat B - Robert E. LaGrone

Okfuskee District: Seat A - Travis Scott, Seat B - Lena Wind, Seat C - Bill S. Fife

Okmulgee District: Seat A - Da-

vid Nichols, Seat B - Keeper Johnson, Seat C - Terrie Anderson, Seat D - Pearl Thomas, Seat E - James Jennings

Tukvpvtce District: Seat A - Shirlene Ade, Seat B - Thomas Yahola

Tulsa District: Seat A - Carol McHenry-Williams, Seat B - Cherah Ridge, Seat C - Steve Bruner, Seat D - Samuel Alexander, Seat E - Paula Willits, Seat F - Kara Medina, Seat G - Robert Hufft

Wagoner/Roger/Mayes District: Seat A - Johnnie Greene

Council rejects proposed tobacco compact plan

Clifton Adcock
Reprinted from the Tulsa World

OKMULGEE— The Muscogee (Creek) National Council struck down a measure Tuesday that would have allowed the tribe’s principal chief to sign a tobacco compact with the state.

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis had expressed doubts about the measure’s passage before the evening meeting, although he said he had hoped that the measure would pass to put an end to five years of struggle between the state and tribe over the issue.

SEE COMPACT - A3



“Even though the State may win the battle; the Creek will win the war.”

- Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Principal Chief A.D. Ellis

General Election set for Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010

Media Release
Election Board







TULSA — On Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, a Primary Election was held between seven candidates in order to determine the Muscogee (Creek) National Council Tulsa District Seat A.

After the release of the unofficial election results by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Elec-

tion Board on A Special General Election will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 between candidates Carol McHenry-Williams and Jerry Wilson in Tulsa.

For more information on the election, please contact the Election Board at (918) 732-7682.



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EXECUTIVE

From the Office of the Second Chief

Second Opinion

Submitted Dec. 29, 2009

At this writing, it's the day after Christmas and the news people will probably begin talking about the sales

that are going to take place called "Black Friday." The word 'black' doesn't stand for any race, it only reflects what the sales may do their net profit, which they hope will put them in the black not the red. However, I'm going to reflect back on a certain time in the life of my family.

I suppose there are a lot of families who get together on Christmas and have their family traditions of doing things. I'm very glad about these families who can gather and have their traditions. I have one son, a daughter-in-law, and two grandsons. Like most parents, my son and his mate try to get toys and things that their children have expressed they would like to have. As a grandparent, I just try to help in some way.

At one time, I was married to a Navajo lady. I knew nothing of the heritage of the Navajos, but I found later that they have great traditions, heritage and history. My father-in-law was what the Native American Church refers to as a 'Road Man.' He's similar to a pastor and minister of his local congregation. They have 12 children and they were raised to respect many things that make up their heritage. Some belonged to the Mormon faith and some belonged to the Catholic faith.

I once lived on the Navajo Nation and had a rental house near Window Rock, Ariz., where my wife worked for the Navajo Nation. I finally got a job with the Navajo Nation; first I worked for Child Development, but I ended up working for NTUA, Navajo Tribal Utilities Authority.

My family had only one car. My wife and I weren't getting along very well and she left me and took the car. I told my fellow employees that I would need a ride to work and they asked where I lived and I told them on 'Old

Coal Mine Road.' One of the employees came to work from my direction, but he didn't want to come down the road. I lived about

a mile from the main highway. He told me that if I could meet him at the highway, he would pick me up and bring me to work. Each morning, I would walk that miles, work all day and walk back from the highway to my home. There was a person that my wife had introduced me to that was unemployed and I hired him to watch my son while I worked.

The time of year was around Christmas season. When I was a child, I was raised on the church ground of Tallahassee Indian Methodist Church. The church was an independent Methodist Church and didn't belong to the United Methodist Indian Mission Conference. I was taught the meaning of Christmas and was also taught the tradition of erecting a tree and putting a present under the tree, if we afford it. In Window Rock, there were the traditional churches, but I never attended any. I guess I was a heathen.

Near my house, there was a sprinkling of pine and cedar trees. On my walk home from the highway, I decided that I would erect a Christmas tree at the house. I cut a tree down and put the tree up, but I had no decorations for my tree. I remembered seeing pictures where some families would pop popcorn and string them and adorn the tree with it. I bought some popcorn and purchased a ball of string and popped the corn. My son and I began stringing the popcorn. We finally finished and I strung the tree with our garland of popcorn. As I looked at the tree, I felt that it needed something else. As I was walking to the highway, I thought about ornaments for the tree. I was wishing I had some to put on my tree. One morning, as I was walking, I saw a reflection of light from something in the ditch; I walked over and saw that it was a box of ornaments that

someone had thrown away. I picked it up and took it home and we put them on the tree. The ornaments seemed to bring our tree to life.

Window Rock didn't have any stores that sold toys that I could purchase for my son. I knew that Gallup, N.M., had some stores but I had no way of getting there. Gallup was 40 miles away. I dressed my son in as warm of clothes that I could find and we walked to the highway. Every day I would see some of the Navajo hitchhiking and they would raise their arm up with something in it. I asked what they were holding and someone told me, money. They would give it to whomever picked them up. Well, while in Rome.

We finally arrived in Gallup and I found one store that was having a sale on toys. I told my son that he had \$100 he could spend on toys and he would have to pick out the toys. It didn't take us long to do our shopping. I knew that my son had an uncle that lived in Gallup and I thought maybe if I offered him some gas money, he would give us a ride back home. We went to his apartment and I explained my situation to him and he said he would give us a ride, but as I found, he really didn't care to do so. He was entertaining some guests. I finally got frustrated and told my son that we were leaving. We made it back to the highway. We caught a ride for about 20 miles, in the back of a pickup and our second ride was also in the back of a pickup. As we were riding, I noticed that my son was shivering. I took my coat off and covered him with it. He was still shivering, so I took off my T-shirt and wrapped him with it. He was still cold, so, I finally put my body against his and covered him. He said he was finally getting warm.

When we arrived at 'Old Coal Mine Road' our ride stopped and we got off. I noticed that it had rained and the road was muddy in spots. My son couldn't jump across the mud holes and I put him on my shoulders and carried him and all the presents. I still wasn't wearing anything up top. The wind was whipping and it was getting bitterly cold. We finally made it into our little abode. We had propane for heat and cooking and I lit every fire that I could. I finally got warm and

watched my son play with his toys. I didn't get to wrap them or put them under the tree or go to church and sing Christmas songs and praise the Lord. I guess I was a heathen. But, my greatest joy was watching my son play with his toys in the warmth of our house.

I told this story to my oldest grandson, as we gathered for our Christmas dinner of ham, beans and rice and fried potatoes; we were sitting in his family's house that they had paid off from the Creek Nation Housing Authority. I had driven to their house over the ice, in warmth, and dined at his house in warmth and was watching my son's children enjoy their Christmas gifts. We didn't sing songs about Christmas. I guess that makes us heathens. I did pray at the table where we all sat and I gave praise to God for all that he had done for my family.

I'm grateful to my Savior for what he has done for me on the Cross and for his birth at Christmas. I'm also grateful to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for allowing me to be Second Chief and to help our citizens who have a need. If it wasn't for my earthly father and mother for raising me on the church ground and praying for me for the many times that I disappointed them, I wouldn't be where I am. God saw how I lived; he cleaned me up, so that, though Him, I'm able to help.

At the beginning of my first term, I had no money to help anyone. The National Council, through the Business and Governmental Committee, gave me monies, not much, but it was a first, and our Principal Chief A.D. Ellis approved their proposal.

I hope that this little part of my life will touch someone who has a need and goes to God for their help; they will find more comfort than I or the Nation can provide. Please don't quit praying for your loved ones who may be a thorn in your side, because God does hear our prayers. I know He heard the prayers of my parents. God bless you.

Mvto,
Alfred Berryhill
Second Chief



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Letters to the Editor

Telephones for the elderly in 2010... maybe

OKMULGEE — How many of you readers out there thought we at the Elderly Housing would have our telephones by December? I bet you thought that since Councilman Keeper Johnson was told we'd have them by Christmas, we'd have them. I'm sad to report; we did not get the telephones, and I have no clue as to when we might be getting them. I'm hoping we'll have them in 2010 (I can dream, can't I?).

This was my second Christmas here at the Elderly Housing without the promised phones. And it got me to wondering about this whole telephone thing. That's because I was snowed in and had time on my hands. Well, I got to wondering, why is this taking so long to get the phones to the Elderly? Could it be that the Creek Nation has hired individuals who are inadequate or unsuitable for this kind of project?

This needed project was started back in May of 2007; that's two years and seven months, which should be long enough for completion. In the corporate world this kind of delay would not be tolerated. In that world, if a project took that long to complete, somebody would be out looking for another job.

You've heard that old expression, "Rome wasn't built in a day." I guess that applies to the Elderly and their telephones too.

Bob Hicks
MCN Elderly Housing resident

District Court filings for November 2009

The District Court filings from Nov. 1, 2009 thru Nov. 30, 2009 are as follows:

Traffic:	
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MCN v. Michael Prince	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Michael Prince	Ct. 1: Expired Tag
MCN v. Philip Bono	Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Edwin Escobar	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Edwin Escobar	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. William Buroughs	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. John Ennis	Ct. 1: Expired Tag
MCN v. Scott Helms	Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Wyatt Wixson	Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Jimmy Gasaway	Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. John Phillips	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Steven Smith	Ct. 1: Possession of Alcohol on Tribal Property
MCN v. Sharon Holthaus	Ct. 1: Expired Tag
MCN v. Sharon Holthaus	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Thurman Keeter	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Thurman Keeter	Ct. 1: DUR
MCN v. John Johnson	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. John Johnson	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Daniel Rider	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Anthony Fermo	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Latasha Noland	Ct. 1: No Insurance

District Court filings for December 2009

The District Court filings from December 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2009 are as follows:

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OK Financial Services v. Carolyn Fultz	Small Claims
Melissa Lewis v. Gregory Armour	Petition
Discan Noriega v. Jessica Chaffin	Petition
Discan Noriega v. Jonell Byrd	Petition
Piggy Bank Loans v. Anita McNeely	Small Claims
Royal Finance v. Brandee Beaver	Small Claims
Saber Acceptance Corp. v. Sylvia Fish	Petition
Saber Acceptance Corp. v. Jamie Holata	Petition
Security Finance v. Erin Harjo	Small Claims

Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council and Robert Trepp, an individual Muscogee (Creek) tribal citizen, and Does 1-10, inclusive, v. Muscogee (Creek) Election Board, A.D. Ellis, in his capacity as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and the Muscogee (Creek) Constitutional Convention Commission

	Complaint
Divorce:	
Mary Gibson v. Danny Gibson	Divorce
Christine Bennett v. Dianna Bennett	Divorce
Tamrah Reason v. Stanley Reason	Divorce
Bonnie Wise v. Zachery Wise	Divorce
Jennie Fixico v. Myron Fixico Jr.	Divorce
Tania Walker v. Gerren Walker	Divorce
Christopher Bruce v. Sheresa Bruce	Divorce
Chisti Salas v. David Salas Jr.	Divorce
Christopher Fixico v. Angela Fixico	Divorce
Leonard Stevens v. Rachel Stevens	Divorce
Alexis Crosley v. Sercial Crosley	Divorce
William Jimboy v. Janeena Jimboy	Divorce
Richard Phillips v. Janet Phillips	Divorce

Family Domestic:	
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OCSE, ex rel., Amber Burgess v. Michael Stallings	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Kolepah Berryhill v. Matthew Butler	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Tammy Clark v. Donald Stansell	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Tye Baker v. Jillian Williams	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Felicia Grimble v. Prentice Vincent	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Velma Trevino v. Evan Gutierrez	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Ashley Anduze v. Chamoy Freeman	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Cassie Pederson v. Bronson Harjo	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Jackie Foster v. Jacob Prather	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Destiny Miller v. Jacob Prather	Child Support
Joseph Maloney v. OCSE, ex rel., Kenessa Maloney	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Carol Thompson v. Earnest Bradford	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Malissa Beaver v. Jay Harley	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Stephanie Crippin v. Doug Blanton	Child Support

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

**SERVICE OF SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Maria Rowe

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. DV-2009-140, styled In re the Marriage of Larry Rowe, Petitioner and Maria Rowe, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage* from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner or appear at the hearing on the 28th day of January 2010 at 10:00 O'clock a.m. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in his *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of December 2009.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee
District

By: Sharon McClenathan
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Plaintiff,
v.

**One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Five
Dollars and no/100
(\$1,425.00) Blackjack Chips,
Defendant.**

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENDED FORFEITURE

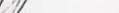
THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: Calgary Dewayne Smith, Jr., P.O. Box 1208, Haskell, OK 74436; and all others claiming an interest in the above described property.

You are hereby notified that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has seized and intends to forfeit the above described property under the provisions of MCNCA Title 21 §, 11-106, *et seq.*

Said property was seized on or about the 4TH day of November, 2009, from said Calgary Dewayne Smith, Jr. and forfeiture is sought for the reason that said money was won in violation of the age requirement policy for Creek Nation Tulsa Casino, to wit: the Creek Nation Tulsa Casino is a twenty-one (21) year or older facility;

The owner, claimant or other party in interest may file a verified answer and claim to the above named property.

Respectfully Submitted,


Shanna Burgin, Assistant Attorney General
Muscogee Creek Nation
Department of Justice
P.O. Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 295-9720



Pictured above is Supreme Court Justice Amos McNac swearing in newly-appointed Second Speaker Sam Alexander who was elected during January's 2010 Inauguration this past month.

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Ellis had said before the meeting that the measure should be passed even though it would require that the tribe give up its tobacco wholesale company, a provision that he didn't like.

“We’ve got to bring this to an end,” Ellis said. “My office is ready for a compact.”

The tribe previously struck down several compact deals offered by the state and is one of only two tribes in the state that does not have a tobacco compact.

The other tribe, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe, is undergoing a change in government but is likely to sign on once the change is complete, said state Treasurer Scott Meacham.

In the past, the Creek and other tribes' smoke-shops funneled very low-tax cigarettes reserved for the state's border areas into stores

outside those border areas.

However, an arbitration panel that decided the matter between the state and the Cherokee Nation, which had a compact and was the source of many of the low-tax cigarettes, ruled that moving the cigarettes out of those border areas was a violation of the agreement.

After the supply of cheaper name-brand cigarettes dried up, the Creek Nation set up its own wholesale company that received and distributed cigarettes sold through tribes in other parts of the country.

Those cigarettes do not have stale tax stamps on them and are illegal for non-tribal retailers in the sale to sell.

Earlier this year, two shipments of unstamped tobacco were seized by the Oklahoma Tax Commission while being transported from the Creek Nation's wholesale company 10 tribal smoke shops.

The slate also has filed a federal lawsuit against some members of the tribe who operate the wholesale company and some of the smoke shops.

A judgment on the case has not yet been reached.

The state does not have jurisdiction on the tribal land on which the smoke shops and wholesale warehouse in Okmulgee sit because it is Indian trust land.

The name-brand cigarettes sold at the tribe's smoke shops now mostly bear uncompacted stamps, which have a higher tax rate than compacted stamps, with no money rebated to the Creek Nation.

When asked for a comment by the *Muscogee Nation News*, Chief Ellis responded, "After calling an extraordinary council session Dec. 29 and the National Council rejecting the tobacco compact, I feel that our political process is working. Fighting a battle with the State of Oklahoma is nothing new to the Creek Nation. Again we will be outnumbered and out spent in money but who will win the battle over tobacco. Even though the State may win the battle; the Creek will win the war."

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN RE THE PATERNITY OF
M.L.N.L. and S.R.G

ROXANNE CHRISTINE GIBBS,

Petitioner,

VORISE JOSEPH LIGHTELL,

Respondent.

2009 DEC -2 P 2:20
Case No. CV-2009-149
Before Patrick E. Moore
Judge of the District Court

SERVICE OF SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Vorise Joseph Lightell

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. CV-2009-149, styled In re the Paternity M.L.N.L. and S.R.G., Roxanne Christine Gibbs, Petitioner and Vorise Joseph Lightell, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a *Paternity Determination and Agreed Order for Custody, Child Support and Visitation.*

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner on or before the 28th day of January, 2010, or appear at the hearing on the 28th day of January, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock A.m. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of December, 2009.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District
By: Jobie King
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP
OF I.M.M.

Minor child.

2009 DEC -4 P 2:50
Case No. GD-2009-12
Judge Patrick Moore

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD CHILDREN

TO: PAUL FAXON

On the 4 day of Dec, 2009, a Petition was filed in this Court for the Appointment of Guardian of the minor child, I.M.M., a minor child born out of wedlock on February 24, 2004, to Paul Faxon, so that a guardian can be appointed for said minor child. Said Petition is set for hearing on the 28th day of January 2010 at the hour of 10:00 o'clock AMPM before the Honorable Judge Patrick E. Moore in District Court in and for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, located at Highway 75 and Loop 56, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

This action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled to guardianship over the minor child based on abandonment. You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioner and appear at the above scheduled hearing or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Signed and dated this 4 day of Dec, 2009.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Prepared by:

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP
OF I.M.M.

Minor child.

2009 DEC -4 P 2:50
Case No. GD-2009-12
Judge Patrick Moore

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD CHILDREN

TO: JAMIE MARSHALL

On the 4 day of Dec, 2009, a Petition was filed in this Court for the Appointment of Guardian of the minor child, I.M.M., a minor child born out of wedlock on February 24, 2004, to Jamie Marshall, so that a guardian can be appointed for said minor child. Said Petition is set for hearing on the 28th day of January 2010 at the hour of 10:00 o'clock AMPM before the Honorable Judge Patrick E. Moore in District Court in and for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, located at Highway 75 and Loop 56, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

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Signed and dated this 4 day of Dec, 2009.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Prepared by:

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN re the Paternity of M. A. M.:

LORI ANN LONG,

Petitioner,

and

RICARDO MARTINEZ RIVERA,

Respondent.

2009 DEC -2 P 1:54
Case No. CV-2009-20
Judge: Patrick E. Moore

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Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Ricardo Martinez Rivera

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for paternity in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. CV 2009-200, styled In re the Paternity of M.A.M: Lori Ann Long, Petitioner vs. Ricardo Martinez Rivera, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to an *Order Establishing Paternity* naming you as the natural father of a minor child and also asking for legal custody of the minor child and for child support to be calculated according to Tribal Code and State Law.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner and appear at the hearing scheduled for the 14th day of January, 2010 at 10:00 A.m. at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Mould Building, Hwy 75 and 56 Loop, Okmulgee, OK or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of December, 2009.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District
By: Jobie King
(Deputy)

(SEAL)
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP
OF I.M.M.

Minor child.

2009 DEC -4 P 2:50
Case No. GD-2009-12
Judge Patrick Moore

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD CHILDREN

TO: PAUL FAXON

On the 4 day of Dec, 2009, a Petition was filed in this Court for the Appointment of Guardian of the minor child, I.M.M., a minor child born out of wedlock on February 24, 2004, to Paul Faxon, so that a guardian can be appointed for said minor child. Said Petition is set for hearing on the 28th day of January 2010 at the hour of 10:00 o'clock AMPM before the Honorable Judge Patrick E. Moore in District Court in and for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, located at Highway 75 and Loop 56, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

This action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled to guardianship over the minor child based on abandonment. You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioner and appear at the above scheduled hearing or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Signed and dated this 4 day of Dec, 2009.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Prepared by:

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP
OF THE PERSON AND THE ESTATE
OF JADEN LEE GREEN

2009 DEC -9 P 2:50
Case No: GD 2009-52
Judge Patrick E. Moore

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER

On the 9 day of December, 2009, a Petition was filed in this Court for the Appointment of Guardian of the minor child, J.L.G., a minor child born out of wedlock in Oklahoma, on August 24, 2006, to Brittany Nicole Green, so that a guardian can be appointed for said minor child. Said Petition is set for hearing on the February 18th day of 2002010 at the hour of 10:00 O'clock AMPM before the Honorable Judge Patrick E. Moore in District Court in and for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, located at Highway 75 and Loop 56, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

This action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled to guardianship over the minor child based on neglect. You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioners and appear at the above scheduled hearing or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioners as prayed for in their *Petition*.

Signed and dated this 9 day of December, 2009.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Prepared by:

ABATE Tulsa Toy Run

• Toys for Tots surrounded River Spirit slots



Pictured above are members of the U.S.M.C. Reserve adding to the mountain of toys as part of the annual Toys for Tots drive during the 2009 holiday season.

River Spirit/Tiffany Ellis

River Spirit/Tiffany Ellis



TULSA – On December 13, 2009 ABATE Tulsa and River Spirit Casino teamed up for the 30th Annual ABATE Tulsa Toy Run. The run was to benefit the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program and the Laura Dester Children's shelter.

"This is our second year to be a part the toy run and we are happy that River Spirit helped ABATE reach their goal of filling two semi-trucks with toys. Many children will have smiles on their faces this Christmas just because of this event and the generosity of the participants," said Tiffany Ellis, Public Relations Manager at River Spirit Casino.

Lee McArdle, president of ABATE said, "This is a great coming together of the whole community. We've got all kinds of motorcycles and all kinds of riders." There were over 6,000 bikes that took part in this event, which is 2,000 more than the total from last year.

McArdle also said that he was grateful for the beautiful weather and the good spirits of all of the participants.

For more information, please visit the ABATE website www.ABATEofTulsa.com

Charitable warming in 2010

• River Spirit donates 250 coats to needy families



River Spirit/Tiffany Ellis

Pictured above are coats donated by River Spirit staff members piled in the Executive Lobby, ready to be delivered to needy community members during the holiday season.

Media Release River Spirit Casino

TULSA — Thanks to the employees at River Spirit Casino many men, women, and children will have new coats to begin the new year.

River Spirit Casino employees were asked to bring in their new or slightly used coats to help needy families prepare for the winter. What began as a good community event, also turned into a challenge. As each department manager responded to the e-mail the friendly competition

grew and grew, until it was an official battle for the bragging rights. The departments had just six days to collect as many coats as possible to complete the challenge.

"Our employees are the best around, they love a challenge and are always willing to help out others in need," stated Tiffany Ellis, Public Relations Manager at River Spirit Casino. "When it came down to the final day of the challenge, there were over 250 coats collected. This

meant that 250 lives would be touched by a fun, 6 day challenge."

The coats were distributed throughout many of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Community Centers, including Wetumka, Yardeka, Hanna, and also the Okmulgee Elderly Housing unit. The remaining coats were distributed to Tulsa's John 3:16 Mission.

For more information, please contact River Spirit Casino at (918) 995-8125.

Deere named VP of Intertribal Transportation Association

Media Release Intertribal Transportation Association

PAWHUSKA — The Intertribal Transportation Association (ITA) during its annual meeting and conference in Las Vegas, Nevada on Dec. 8, 2009, elected Muscogee (Creek) citizen and Osage Nation Transportation Planner, Lyle Deere, Vice President.

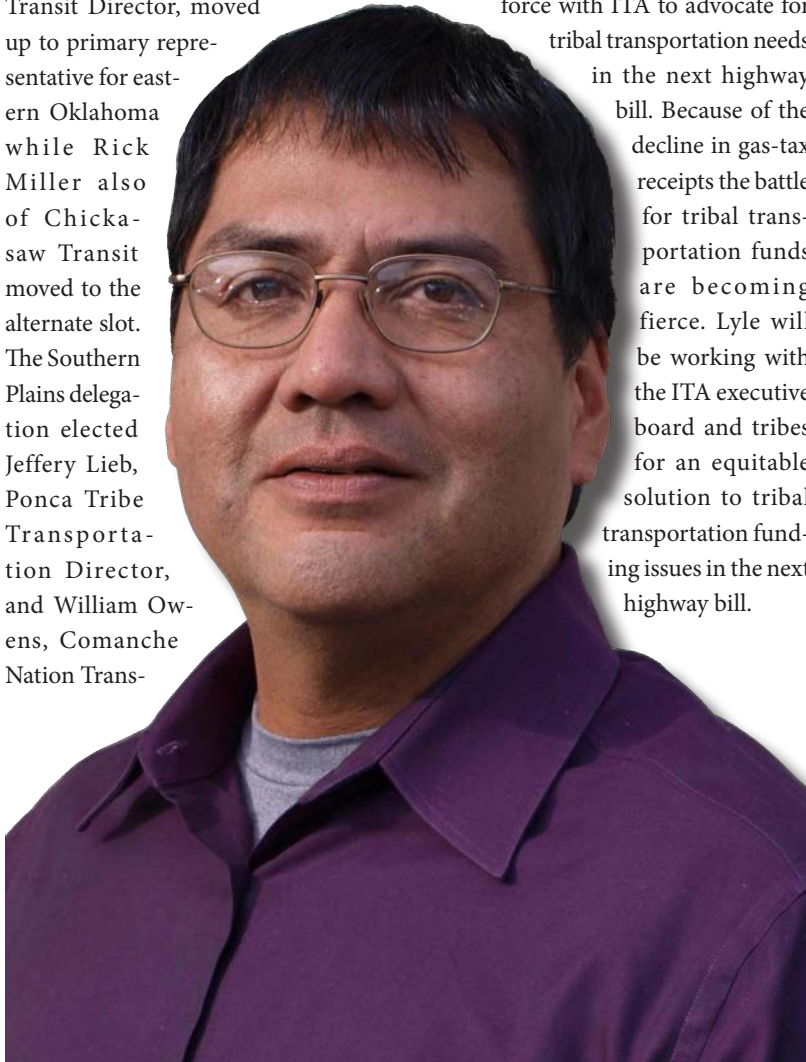
Angela Blind, Transportation Director for the Oklahoma Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes nominated Lyle for the Vice President position. Lyle was serving as ITA eastern Oklahoma primary representative. After the election, Angela Gilliam, Chickasaw Transit Director, moved up to primary representative for eastern Oklahoma while Rick Miller also of Chickasaw Transit moved to the alternate slot. The Southern Plains delegation elected Jeffery Lieb, Ponca Tribe Transportation Director, and William Owens, Comanche Nation Trans-

portation Director, as primary and alternate representatives respectively.

This was the 15th annual conference for ITA with membership consisting of tribal communities and nations. It is a critical time for ITA because of the national tribal voice it carries on the highway bill reauthorization. The previous highway bill, SAFTEA-LU, expired September 30, 2009 with Congress working on reauthorization.

In 2007, the National Congress of American Indians created a joint-task force with ITA to advocate for tribal transportation needs

in the next highway bill. Because of the decline in gas-tax receipts the battle for tribal transportation funds are becoming fierce. Lyle will be working with the ITA executive board and tribes for an equitable solution to tribal transportation funding issues in the next highway bill.



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HEALTH

New Rodeo Medicine Referral System to benefit rodeo athletes



MNN/Starla Bush

Pictured above is a bull rider at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival in 2009. The new Rodeo Medicine Referral System aims to benefit rodeo athletes in Oklahoma.

Media Release
Oklahoma State Department of Health

OKLAHOMA CITY — The sport of rodeo is about to undergo its own version of health care reform. Beginning this month, rodeo athletes will have the ability to access medical providers across the United States and Canada through the Rodeo Medicine Referral System, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH).

Rodeo is an individual sport, unlike any other in the world. Rodeo athletes are required to enter themselves in events and travel to competitions throughout North America. Many cowboys and cowgirls have rigorous competition schedules requiring travel to multiple cities, hundreds of miles apart, in short periods of time. The very physical nature of the sport ensures that many rodeo athletes will likely be injured at some point in their careers.

“This program will establish a network of healthcare providers across the United States and Canada who have a genuine interest in treating rodeo cowboys and cowgirls. In addition, the providers will assist these athletes in getting appropriate, definitive care

when they get back home,” says Mark Brandenburg, M.D., Tulsa emergency physician and medical director of the Rodeo Medicine Referral System.

Many of the acute and chronic injuries commonly suffered by rodeo athletes are also unique to this sport. The problem is that injured professional rodeo athletes who cannot compete are unable to earn a livelihood. For many rodeo athletes, going months without an income is not a feasible option, so they compete anyway and often worsen their existing injuries. Another major barrier the injured rodeo athlete faces to obtaining adequate medical care is the sheer distance they are from home, usually hundreds of miles.

“It is our hope that our Web site will ensure appropriate and timely connections with a health care professional when the athlete is on the road and when they return home,” says Elise Hiza, a University of Colorado medical student and program coordinator of the Rodeo Medicine Referral System.

Currently in the United States, the Justin Sports Medicine Team provides excellent, mobile health care coverage for

many of the nation’s biggest professional rodeo events. However, many cowboys who are injured at those events leave the following day to compete in smaller rodeos that do not have medical coverage.

The new system will allow injured athletes, family members and health care providers to search for an associated medical provider near the city of their next destination, and contact and see a provider, often on short notice. The system will also allow health care providers to locate a specialist in a particular region of the country to whom an injured rodeo athlete can be referred for definitive medical or surgical care.

“There will be an ongoing need for new participants in this referral system and we encourage interested health care providers to join us in serving these athletes,” commented Dr. Brandenburg. There is a registration form on the Web site for providers to use. The Rodeo Medicine Referral System can be accessed by visiting the OSDH Injury Prevention Service Web page at: <http://rodeomedicine.health.ok.gov>.

HEALTHNOTES

Division of Health formulating System Development Plan for 2020

Media Release
MCN Division of Health

OKMULGEE—The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health is now formulating a System Development Plan for 2020 and citizen input is being requested as it is the difference between successful improvements and the status quo.

The Vision: Healthy Muscogee Nation 2020 and Mission statement: Provide excellent health care for the Muscogee people by promoting healthy lifestyles and community partnerships have been created, and now the Health System is looking for input from the Muscogee population in order to develop an effective plan.

The System Development Plan

2020 will define the direction of the Division of Health for the next 10 years; it will serve as a tool in decision making and resource allocation for future endeavors. Furthermore, citizen input and ideas will help build our system for years to come and will help shape the systems into a successful organization dedicated to providing quality health care to all patients.

Please visit: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W2P2P3H> and fill out the on-line survey to offer suggestions and input. Opinions may also be submitted via e-mail to Rhonda.Beaver@creekhealth.org or call (918) 756-3334.

Carbon monoxide carries increased risks in winter months

Media Release
Oklahoma State Department of Health

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) would like to remind residents that there is an increased risk of carbon monoxide poisoning during the cold winter months and to take extra precautions this winter.

Carbon monoxide is found in fumes produced by small gasoline engines, stoves, lanterns, burning charcoal and wood, gas ranges, and heating systems. Carbon monoxide poisoning occurs when carbon monoxide (CO), an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas, is inhaled in significant concentrations causing illness and/or death. It is commonly reported after major power outages. When alternative sources of fuel or electricity are used for heating, or cooking during these events, CO can build up quickly in enclosed or partially enclosed areas.

During a winter storm in January 2007, 66 Oklahomans were treated for CO poisoning, and 96 percent of these injuries occurred in the home. CO poisoning had the second highest hospitalization rate of all injuries. Two persons died from CO poisoning caused by a generator during a subsequent winter storm in December 2007.

To prevent CO poisoning, the OSDH offers the following safety

precautions:

- Install battery-powered CO detectors in the home.
 - Keep generators outdoors and an appropriate distance away from windows, doors, and vents while in use.
 - Do not use generators, charcoal grills, camp stoves, or other gasoline/charcoal-burning devices inside the home, basement, or garage; and do not use gas ovens or stoves to heat the home.
 - Check and clean fireplace chimneys and flues at least once a year.
 - Properly install, maintain, and operate all fuel-burning appliances. All gas appliances should be properly vented to the outside.
 - Do not leave motor vehicles running inside a garage attached to the home, even if the garage door is open.
 - Seek immediate medical attention if CO poisoning is suspected. Symptoms include headaches, dizziness, fatigue, shortness of breath, or nausea.
- Additional information can be found at these Web sites: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/carbon-monoxide.asp> and http://www.ok.gov/health/documents/Carbon_Monoxide.pdf

Breastfeeding protects babies during flu season

Media Release
Oklahoma State Department of Health

OKLAHOMA CITY — Breast feeding is an important way to safeguard infant health during flu season, when colds and respiratory infections are common. Data on calls to the Oklahoma Breastfeeding Hotline, 1-877-271-MILK (6455), show there has been a surge in questions related to whether mothers should continue to breast feed when sick with the flu.

Registered Lactation Consultant and Oklahoma Breastfeeding Hotline Coordinator Cristina Pickle says, “Yes, mothers provide immunity that only they can give their babies when they breastfeed. Exclusive breastfeeding conveys the greatest amount of protection.”

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a mother with seasonal or H1N1 flu should drink plenty of fluids, rest, continue to breastfeed, and monitor herself for any fever. Mothers should wash hands often and wear masks when nursing their babies, to prevent sharing the virus with their babies. If symptoms worsen, mothers should contact their health care providers.

Other common flu-related questions include safety of flu vaccines and treatments. Breastfeeding mothers can safely receive the seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines and are

included in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) priority groups, along with pregnant women. Most flu treatments are safe to take while breastfeeding. For specific medication questions, mothers can call the Oklahoma Breastfeeding Hot line or their health care provider. A Registered Lactation Consultant can be reached by calling the toll free Oklahoma Breastfeeding Hotline at 1-877-271-MILK (6455). The hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health urges mothers, health care workers, and communities at large to promote, support, and encourage breastfeeding, which provides infants with antibodies that can help fight illness and disease.

For more information on H1N1 Flu/ Seasonal Flu and Breast feeding Your Baby, view the OSDH Breast feeding Information and Support Web site: <http://bis.health.ok.gov>.

For more information about the flu and vaccine information, contact the toll free H1N1 Hotline@ 1-866-278-7134 from 8 a.m., to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or view the website: <http://www.health.ok.gov> and click on H1N1 Flu Updates & Alerts.

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PROGRAMS/NOTICES

IRMP developing wildlife checklist for MCN boundaries

Media Release
Integrated Resource Management Plan

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) is currently developing checklists for fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians and mammals living within the tribes boundaries.

According to IRMP Project Coordinator Josh Castleman, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) Wildlife Biologist Mark Howery has done the initial work of listing what species in these five categories occur within the tribes boundaries.

“I am filling in missing information and organizing the lists into usable checklists, which can be used for wildlife management or for recreational purpose,” Castleman stated.

The black rat snake (Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta) is widespread and common throughout the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Coloration varies from solid black, light black over dark blotches or even black with a reddish-orange mix. Color of the belly varies from creamy white to greenish-yellow or is occasionally mottled. Adult black rat snakes range in size from 34 - 72 inches or nearly three feet to six feet long.

Black rat snakes are at home in a wide variety of habitats including rocky hillsides, open fields, farmland



MCN/*Josh Castleman*
Pictured above is a black rate snake that is common throughout the Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundaries who was spotted in Hughes County near Sand Creek Baptist Church.

and woodlands where they can often be observed in trees. The one featured in the photo above was spotted basking or foraging just outside the gate to tribal property near the Sand Creek Baptist Church in Hughes County.

With a diet consisting of mostly mice, rats and other small rodents these snakes should be a welcome guest around homes and barns. Black rat snakes are also known to eat bird eggs, small birds and lizards. Although black rat snakes are attracted to areas inhabit-

ed by humans this should not be a cause for alarm as this species is shy and will avoid confrontation if possible. If unable to escape they will freeze or remain motionless, vibrate their tail to mimic a rattle or even lunge or strike at whatever they consider to be threatening them. If handled they often emit a foul smelling musk to deter predators or humans from harming them.

For more information on the IRMP, please contact Josh Castleman at (918) 732-7706.

TANF takes first in heritage month door decorating contest

Media Release
MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — In honor of Native American Heritage Month in November, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tourism & Recreation Department sponsored a door decorating contest, encouraging departments to adorn their doors with aspects of Muscogee life in the past or present.

According to T&R Project Specialist Brian On-The-Hill, “All of the doors were great and we are really

impressed by the amount of participation and the effort that went into each door. Each should be proud of taking part in celebrating Native American Heritage Month and visually demonstrating their knowledge of our culture.”

For more information, please contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tourism & Recreation Department at (918) 732-7993.



Pictured above is TANF’s first-place door which depicts a visual time line of the Muscogee people from the Southeastern U.S. to the present homelands.

Emergency Preparedness Workshops for Jan.

Media Release
Emergency Management

OKMULGEE — The Emergency Management department is having an Emergency Preparedness workshop on these dates shown. Each Community is assigned to a host community site.

This training will provide all Community’s vital information in situations that require a community to become an emergency shelter and

routine training on emergency disaster situations, such as an ice storm, flooding, tornadoes, etc.

Training sessions will be held on the following dates/locations: Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., at the Twin Hills Indian Community located at 8100 N. Hwy. 52, in Twin Hills for the Twin Hills, Morris, Koweta, Muscogee, Okmulgee and Wilson Communities; Thursday,

Jan. 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., at the Tulsa Indian Community located at 8611 S. Union, in Tulsa for the Tulsa, Kellyville, Glenpool, Bristow, Sapulpa and Duck Creek Communities.

To RSVP or notify the department if unable to attend the host location at the scheduled time, please contact the Emergency Management Office at (918) 732-7963.

Social Services offering winter energy assistance

Media Release
MCN Social Services

OKMULGEE — The Social Services Department offers two programs in the winter for heating assistance. New participants may apply beginning January 11, 2010. We will continue to take applications through March 31, 2010, or until the funds are exhausted.

LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is available for low-income families residing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation service boundaries. Tribal Energy is available for elders (55 and older) or those receiving disability benefits.

To apply for services, please choose one of the following options:

Applicants may choose to apply: Those who wish to apply should provide:

- 1) Tribal enrollment cards and Social Security cards for everyone in the household
- 2) Driver’s License for those without a tribal enrollment card
- 3) Gas bill or Propane vendor or Wood vendor (Electric bill only if you are total electric. You may be asked to verify this.)
- 4) Copies of all income sources –

- this is for LIHEAP AND Tribal Energy
- 5) Phone number (in case we need to contact you)
 - 6) Authorization for Social Services to sign the application (if mailing or faxing)
 - 7) Non-Duplication statement: Statement detailing any assistance received in the past 12 months from any federal, state, tribe, community, and/or church agency or the like with utilities and/or deposits.
 - 8) Additional documentation may be required based on your individual situation.

Applicants should keep paying their bill until they receive an approval letter. Please allow at least 45 days for processing.

Please contact Social Services at 918-759-2334 if you need additional information. The toll-free number is 1-800-482-1979 ext. 7995.

- 1) IN PERSON - No appointment is necessary and clients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Office hours are 8:00 am – 4pm. We are located at 2971 N. Wood Drive, just north of Housing.
- 2) BY MAIL – Please mail all documents to: MCN Social Services, Attn: LIHEAP or Tribal Energy, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not mail your cards or original documents.

ments to: MCN Social Services, Attn: LIHEAP or Tribal Energy, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not mail your cards or original documents.

3) BY FAX – Please fax all documents to 918-759-9988 and include a cover sheet addressed to LIHEAP or Tribal Energy.

4) IN YOUR COMMUNITY – Please bring all your documents to the field site. A Social Services Caseworker is available every month (between 9:30 and 10:30 am) at the field sites (listed below).

In order to provide adequate office coverage, we’ve made a few changes to the field schedule. This is the schedule for the month of January only. This is only for Social Services and does not affect the Food Distribution tailgate schedule.

- Koweta – Jan. 12, no change
Holdenville (10:30 – 11:30) Jan. 13
Wetumka office (1:00 – 3:00) Jan. 13
Bristow – 14th, no change
Eufaula – 19th, no change
Sapulpa – (9–12 noon) Jan. 20
Checotah – Jan. 21 no change
Okemah / Weleetka – cancelled for Jan. 26
Holdenville – cancelled for Jan. 28

Social Services staff out for training Jan. 26-28, 2010

Media Release
MCN Social Services

OKMULGEE — Beginning Jan. 26-28, 2010, the Social Services staff will be attending training in Tulsa.

If citizens need assistance during this week, please make arrangements to come in Monday, Jan. 25 or

Friday, Jan. 29.

Some staff will be available to answer phone calls and provide emergency food vouchers for funeral services.

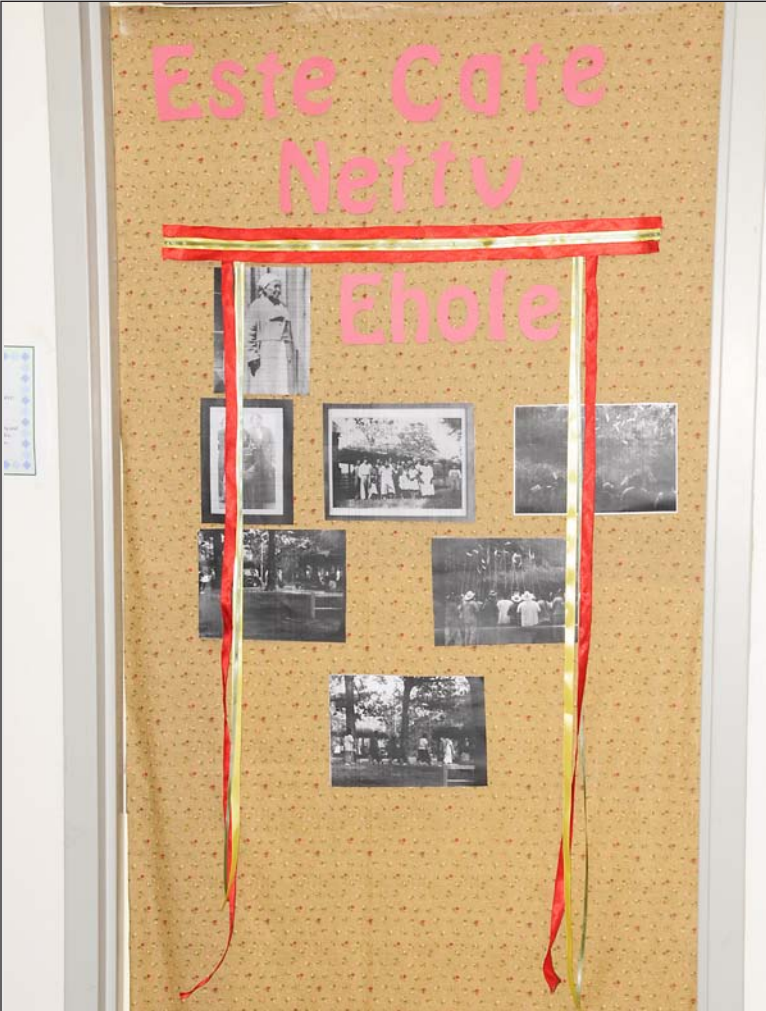
All other requests for assistance

will be handled beginning Friday, Jan. 29. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Manager, Julie Zirix at (918) 759-9967.



Pictured above is the Child Care four-year old room door which depicts a stomp dance scene using actual sticks for arbors and took second in the competition.



Pictured above is the third place Citizenship door which was made to look like a ribbon shirt using material and ribbon as a backdrop for historical Muscogee photographs.

MCN Food Distribution Field Schedule

Koweta	Community Center 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	2nd Tuesday of the Month
Bristow	Community Center 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	2nd Thursday of the Month
Eufaula	Community Center 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	3rd Tuesday of the Month
Sapulpa	Community Center 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	3rd Wednesday of the Month
Checotah	Community Center 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	3rd Thursday of the Month
Holdenville	Community Center 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	4th Thursday of the Month

EDUCATION

Native scholarship opportunities 2010

Media Releases
Native scholarships

Morris K. Udall Scholarship
WASHINGTON, D.C., — The Internship Program is a ten-week summer internship in Washington , D.C., for Native American and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian country. The internship is fully funded: the Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem for food and incidentals, and a stipend at the close of the program. Interns work in congressional and agency offices where they have opportunities to research legislative issues important to tribal communities, network with key public officials and tribal advocacy groups, experience an insider’s view of the federal government, and enhance their understanding of nation-building and tribal self-governance. The complete application package must be received by January 29, 2010, at the Udall Foundation.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship is awarded to college sophomores and juniors pursuing careers related to Tribal Public Policy, Native Health Care, or the Environment. In addition to the \$5,000 financial award, Udall Scholars also get to attend the Udall Scholar Orientation and are immediately plugged into a growing and active alumni network. Tribal public policy includes fields related to tribal sovereignty, governance, law, education, justice, natural resource management, cultural preservation and revitalization, economic development, and other areas affecting Native American communities. Native American health care includes health care administration, social work, medicine, research, and other disciplines. The Foundation must receive application packets by March 2, 2010, but individual institutions may have earlier deadlines.. Interested students can contact their campus’ Udall Faculty Representative for more information.

Please visit www.udall.gov to learn more about the internship and scholarship opportunities. Interested students may contact Colin Ben, Internship Contractor, at crben02@yahoo.com or Mia Ibarra, Scholarship Program Manager, at ibarra@udall.gov.

Bacone College’ Tuition Scholarship
MUSKOGEE — For Spring 2010, Bacone College is taking its 35 percent American Indian Scholarship and advancing it to 100 percent (of tuition).

Any new American Indian Promise or commuter student that enrolls in one of six cultural clubs by Jan. 22, 2010 is eligible for this one time opportunity, according to American Indian Learning Work Community Director Kyle Taylor.

For more information contact Bacone American Indian Recruiter Jacob Clark at (918) 360-3935 or clarkj@bacone.edu This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it.

ATALM Tribal Heritage Research

Project Fellowship
OKLAHOMA CITY — There is a rapidly growing interest on the part of American Indian Nations to research, write, and present in various formats tribal history from a tribal perspective. Projects such as these can provide a greater understanding of indigenous cultures, inspire a renewed cultural interest for tribal members, contribute valuable materials to tribal archives, and provide a tribal interpretation of historical events.

To help tribal organizations learn about available resources and how to access them, this 26-month project will introduce selected participants (known as “Fellows”) to methods and strategies for designing a research project, identifying sources of materials, planning a research methodology, and accessing and using American Indian materials in local, regional, and national collections.

To ensure tangible outputs, participants are required to produce a short documentary utilizing materials collected during the course of the research/documentation project. Participants will receive hands-on training in digital storytelling and will have access to a digital storytelling consultant for the duration of the project. Participants may produce other outputs as well, including publications, public presentations, classroom materials, exhibits, etc.

Admission to the program is through application, with participants describing project goals and objectives, along with possible outcomes.

Each participant will receive the Tribal Heritage Research Project Toolkit and other materials. Individuals experienced in research will be available to provide assistance to participants for the duration of the project.

STIPEND AWARDS: Based on demonstrated need, stipends will be awarded for the purpose of covering transportation, lodging, and per diem to attend a week-long Tribal Heritage Research Field Trip to Washington DC from June 7-11, 2010, the American Association of State and Local History annual conference in Oklahoma City from September 22-25, 2010, and the National Conference of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Tulsa, Oklahoma from June 4-7, 2012. Awards are provided on a reimbursed expenses basis. The number of awards made will depend on both the quality of the applications received and the stipend amount requested. A pool of \$50,000 is available.

Applications must be received on or before February 1, 2010. Preferred delivery method is via e-mail to tribal@oltn.odl.state.ok.us. If necessary, applications may be faxed to (405) 525-7804 or mailed to Tribal Research Fellowship Program; Oklahoma Department of Libraries; 200 N.E. 18th Street; Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. For more information, please call (405) 522-3515 or (405) 522-3259.

Smith receives Oklahoma Indian Elder of the Year Award



Synda Yellowfish/Courtesy

Pictured above is Grace Wiley Smith, recipient of the Oklahoma Indian Elder of the Year Award from the Oklahoma Council on Indian Education who was honored last month at a ceremony held in Midwest City, Okla.

Jesse Olivarez
Reprinted from NEWSOK.COM

EDMOND — Grace Wiley Smith, a teacher at Boulevard Academy, has won the Oklahoma Indian Elder of the Year Award.

The award was given to Smith by the Oklahoma Council on Indian Education at a banquet in Midwest City.

Smith, who has worked in Indian education for about 20 years, said she knew she was nominated for the award but didn’t think she would actually

win. She was surprised and humbled by the announcement, which came last week.

“I feel honored to have this,” she said. “I look forward to continuing my work with the students.”

Smith teaches a class called Native American expressions, which teaches students about the unique culture of each American Indian tribe. In order to make the lessons stick, Smith

infuses hands-on activities into her lessons, such as traditional basket-weaving or beading.

She also helps college-bound students learn about and track down information on scholarships and grants.

Smith, who is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, said she also composes traditional American Indian music.

FAFSA deadlines now set for 2010-1011

Media Release
U.S. Department of Education

WASHINGTON, D.C., — The 2009-2010 School Year (July 1st, 2009 - June 30th, 2010): FAFSA on the Web applications must be submitted by midnight Central Daylight time, June 30, 2010.

Corrections on the Web forms must be submitted by midnight Central Daylight Time, September 21, 2010.

Note: School must have student’s complete and correct information by your the day of enrollment in the 2009-2010 school year. FAFSA on the Web applications must be submitted by midnight Central Daylight time, June 30, 2011.

Corrections on the Web forms must be submitted by midnight Central Daylight time, September 15, 2011.

Pay close attention to deadlines! Ask your school about their definition of an application deadline - whether it is the receipt date and time or the process date and time of the application.

Federal Student Aid considers a FAFSA’s receipt date and time to be when the FAFSA/correction is submitted successfully.

TIP: When you submit your FAFSA, be sure to print out the confirmation page and keep it for your records. It contains a confirmation number with the exact date and time (Central Standard Time) the form was received. You can also choose to have a copy e-mailed to you if you have provided an e-mail address.

Note: Transactions must be completed and accepted by midnight to meet the deadline. If you wait too long to submit your application and it is rejected, you may miss your school’s deadline. The FAFSA on the Web Worksheet is now online in PDF at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/worksheet - students may use it to jot down their answers before going online (on Jan. 1 or later) to fill in the online application.

The FAFSA on the Web demo

site is also ready. The site helps you increase your own understanding of FAFSA on the Web and show it to students and parents before they apply.

At the site, you can complete a sample FAFSA, make corrections, or check the status of the application. However, when you choose “submit,” the information is not actually submitted. The site is purely a learning tool. To access the demo site, go to <http://fafsademo.test.ed.gov>. The user name is eddemo, and the password is fafsatest. The site displays both the English and Spanish versions of FAFSA on the Web.

Also, the final PDF of the 2009-10 Counselors and Mentors Handbook has been posted to our counselors Web site at www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov (the link to the handbook is on the home page, under the heading “Counselor Resources”).

2010 Challenge Bowl looking for volunteers

Media Release
MCN Human Development

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Challenge Bowl volunteer training will be held Feb. 4, 2010.

The high school competition will be held on Feb. 11, 2010, middle

school competition on Feb. 18, 2010, and the elementary competition will be Feb. 25, 2010.

All training and competition will be held at Burbank Schools, which is located at 209 S. Lakewood

Dr., in Tulsa, Okla.

Volunteers are needed for all three days. For more information contact Melinda Deeringwater at (918) 759-4172 as soon as possible.

Pauv, Wind Warrior told us why smoking is bad and I think it is time for you to quit. I think with the family around, we can help you.



Call the clinic to ask for help, too! Then we can start playing basketball together again!

Enke, I have been wanting to quit and that is my New Year’s resolution.



Mvto vnhopuewv and Wind Warrior! I will talk to my doctor about quitting.

Anytime is a good time to spend with your family and not wasting time with commercial tobacco!



Did you know, it takes at least 7 minutes to smoke a cigarette. At a pack a day you spend 2 hours and 20 minutes smoking. Over ten years, that’s 354 days, or almost one entire year spent smoking!

Protect your FAMILY and youth against commercial tobacco abuse!





FEATURES

Working up a cold sweat

- Winter weather frosts tribal complex in OK



CLEARING THE PATH

OKMULGEE — Despite the wintery mix of snow, sleet and ice that showered much of Oklahoma during the holiday season this past month, offices located on the main complex of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation remained open during the regularly scheduled hours of operation.

Thanks to the efforts of tribal employees from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation General Services Administration, walkways were cleared, parking lots were sanded and roads were plowed in order for employees to travel to and from their workstations across the complex.

MNN/Rebecca Landsberry

MNN/Gerald Wofford

Pictured above are Sundy Lewis, (left) and Ty Hicks, (right) clearing the snow in front of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veteran Affairs Services Office Building on Monday, Dec. 28. The Christmas forecast saw Oklahoma hit with blizzard conditions that left many accessible tribal offices suddenly difficult to enter.

Are full-bloods running thin?

- Findings indicate only one citizen under age 10



MCN/Thompson Gouge

Pictured above are Principal Chief A.D. Ellis (center) and his full-blood Muscogee (Creek) staff members (left to right): Shelby Rex, Rachel Sumka, fluent Mvskoke speaker Lesah Deere and Vanessa Battiest.

Gerald Wofford
Communications Manager

OKMULGEE — According to findings released by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Board Office, there are only 1,731 Full Bloods left that are enrolled in the tribe. This is in relation to the 69,231 tribal members as of Dec. 1, 2009, and according to this finding, there is only one full-blood alive between the ages of one and 10.

This finding causes different reactions among members of the tribe. As the numbers decline for those that have only 'Creek blood' running through their veins and nothing else, tribal members might be asking themselves, "Why?" While some may be angry at this finding and others may not know exactly how to interpret

this information, the findings also raise other questions as well.

One question that may be brought up with the 'thinning' of the blood is, "Does a tribe then begin to lose its culture and traditions as well?"

There is a great argument that the language is the first remnant of any tribe's culture and this can hold true to the extent that a tribe's language can be their main identifying characteristic, but after this factor, it comes down to the individual's identity, especially for Native Americans.

How is a person judged to be a real 'Indian' if they don't show their CDIB card to prove it? As is the general comment and question "What makes an Indian an Indian?" Is it knowing

and speaking one's language fluently? Keeping the traditional ways? Is it even in the way one acts and talks or is it the blood quantum of each Native American individual?

This full-blood count is a sobering one, and these figures more than likely reflect counts for other North American tribes across the continent. So many tribes may be asking, "What are we losing exactly and how did it get to be this way?"

Former Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council Thomas Yahola says his feeling about the thinning of the full-blood count may have been the "indoctrination" of Muscogee (Creeks) into mainstream society.

SEE BLOOD - B2

36th annual Festival sets June 24-27, as new date for 2010

Media Release
MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Committee Announces the new date for the 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival 2010.

The Slow Pitch Softball Tournament will be held June 18-20, 2010 with Festival Weekend held June 24-27, 2010.

Considering the amount of input from concerned Muscogee citizens and the number of years Festival attendees have encountered rain, the Festival Committee elected to change the Festival weekend to the fourth weekend in June 2010. On Saturday, Dec. 19, 2010, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council voted to officially change the date for 2010.

Festival planning is currently in progress as well as numerous projects at

the Claude Cox Omniplex to enhance the overall Festival experience. Not only will the projects be of benefit during the Festival, but they will hopefully also contribute to the success of events to be held throughout the year.

In 2009, Festival attendance reached a record level, with festival-goers attending softball games in a brand new softball complex and the Rodeo received the title of Best New IPRA Rodeo for 2009. Attendees can expect a bigger and better Festival in 2010. We hope to see you there!

Direct all Festival inquiries to:
Tourism & Recreation
Office: (918) 732-7992
Toll-free: (800) 482-1979
tourism@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Census 2010: *Pumapaketos* We Count!

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — The U.S. Census 2010 is still looking to hire Muscogee (Creek) employees to help with the Census which will be mailed to citizens' homes in early March. The exact date of the mailing will be announced later this month.

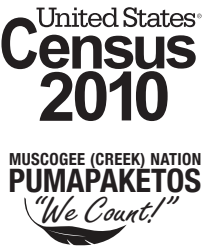
Citizens will also have the opportunity to have one-on-one counseling sessions with other tribal members in order to answer any questions that may arise when filling out the 10-question form.

All information reported to Census 2010 is completely confidential

and will not be shared with any third party. Tribal members should fill out the form on behalf of every person living in the home, including relatives and non-relatives.

The tribe's name should be written as Muscogee (Creek) Nation (in English with no spaces between words). Variations and other spellings will not be counted in the U.S. Census.

For more information, contact the Tulsa census office at (918) 887-3420 or visit the Web site at <http://www.census.gov/>



CULTURAL

LANGUAGEUPDATES

Language Program update: Q&A on life and death of language

Kathleen Coachman
MCN Language Program

OKMULGEE — Henci Readers, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would just like to update you on what is happening in the Language Program. Please check out the Language web page in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation web site. We now have audio clips of words/phrases which allow you to listen to the pronunciations. We included phrases that you might use during the holidays. We will add new phrases periodically, so continue to check it out. These audio clips are downloadable to your MP3 player. These are the audio that are on the CDs we have developed. The CDs will be available for distribution as soon as all the costs and details associated are decided on by the Language Committee.

The Language Program knows the importance of our language and we continually strive to keep our language alive. I would like to share with you an excerpt from the New York Times.

Q. and A.: On the Death and Life of Languages
Yale University Press
November 30, 2009, 9:30 am
“According to the French linguist Claude Hagège, twenty-five languages die each year; if this rate of decline continues, half the world’s current languages will disappear by 2100.

In his new book “On the Death and Life of Languages,” published in September 2009, Hagège argues passionately that we need to preserve the diversity of the world’s tongues – and he explains what is lost when a language dies out.

Hagège is both a theoretician and explorer of the world’s languages, with degrees in Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, and Russian, and regular fieldwork in the Cameroons, British Columbia, and Micronesia. “On the Death and Life of Language” tours each continent and language family, canvassing the state of the world’s linguistic health from the suburbs of Austria to the deserts of Africa. The prognosis is poor: the population of world languages has been decimated by economic and social changes, natural disasters, genocide, and “linguicide” – overt programs of linguistic extermination, such as those inflicted upon Native American children of the US and Canada during the 19th and 20th centuries.

And yet there is cause for hope. Hagège makes a special study of Hebrew, resurrected as a spoken language after nearly two thousand years, and notes new sparks of life among Bretons, Scots, Australian Aborigines and others who speak marginalized tongues. Members of these communities understand that language is a key part of expressing a cultural identity; losing a language can imperil a culture itself. For Hagège, language loss goes even deeper – losing a language means losing original conceptions of reality, traces of human intelligence and evidence of human creativity.

Co-vocabularists know well the power and delight of words; they are now invited to submit questions to Claude Hagège, Chair of Linguistic Theory at the Collège de France in Paris, who will return his answers in a week or so.”

Two of the questions submitted to Claude Hagege I wanted to share.

“December 16, 2009, 4:32 am
Q. A language is irreplaceable, just like an animal or plant species. And those of us who love languages know that a language is not just words: it mirrors and defines a way of life, a way of thinking, a unique view of reality. My question: at what point do we declare that a language has died? – Paulette

A. A language is declared to be dead when the last, generally old, people who still spoke it die without having transmitted it to their children and grandchildren. Thus the two, mutually related, criteria are: death of the last speakers and lack of transmission.

Q. What role do language immersion schools play in arresting the extinction of a culture or language? Do these help to maintain the cultural identity of a marginalized group? Also, what benefits does immersion show over book learning coupled with language coursework? Specifically, I’m curious about Native American language immersion schools. It’s a fascinating topic, thank you. – Jared

A. Immersion schools have the power of arresting the extinction of a culture or language and maintaining the cultural identity of a marginalized group. An example which I mention in my book “On the Death and Life of Languages,” Yale University Press, 2009, is that of the Peach Springs experiment in Arizona (p. 227). Beginning in 1975, the immersion schools program succeeded in curbing the erosion of Hualapai, an Indian language formerly spoken there on a wide basis. Immersion of course does not rule out book learning and language coursework. They are all combined to strengthen the effort to protect endangered languages.

However, there is a problem with these immersion schools. When children finish their courses in these schools, they resume their relationships with a society in which English is dominant. The only way to maintain the knowledge and practice acquired in immersion schools would be to give the threatened Indian language, within the tribe or community which has decided to promote it through these schools, an official status on the same level as English. Such an extension of the results obtained by immersion schools is not impossible, despite obvious practical difficulties in everyday life contexts, which put the Indian language in permanent contact with English. This extension requires an important financial support. This support itself implies a strong identity feeling, as is often found among Indian communities whose languages are endangered.”

As stated above the cause of a language death is when the last speaker dies and the language was not handed down to the next generation. Although we have not yet done a formal survey to find out how many fluent Mvskoke speakers we have, I would like to again share with you that most fluent speakers are approximately 50 years and older. Tribal members who are 50 and over account for approximately 24% of our total Tribal membership. If even half of that age group is fluent, we can estimate that only 12% of our total Mvskoke populations are fluent speakers. This is something serious that we need to think about. If you are a fluent speaker, take the time to pass that knowledge to your children, grandchildren, or any younger family member. Let’s all do our part in keeping our language.

I would like to announce the winners of our Mvskoke Language Activity. The winner for the August Activity was Tina Davis from Okmulgee, OK., and the winner for the September Activity was Stella Feeling from Eufaula, OK. Tina and Stella, please contact Mona Lowe at the Mvskoke Language Program, phone # 918-732-7724 to claim your prize. We will resume our Mvskoke Activity in the next edition. We really appreciate the response and letters we receive from all of you. Mvto.

Blood

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“The availability of jobs, education, even marrying other tribes as well,” says Yahola. “We can’t really do anything about it, I can’t tell anyone who they want to choose. As we became more and more indoctrinated, this would happen,” Yahola stated.

Yahola recalls a time when the scarcity of full-bloods wasn’t even an issue.

“When I was growing up, you just didn’t see this happening, you didn’t even think about it. Today, it’s the other way around, and it’s sad to see it happening.”

Yahola grew up in an Indian Christian home and now attends Tahlahvse Ceremonial Ground. He says the full-bloods represent the “purest” form of Muscogee life today, and it is important to keep hold of it.

“The Creator made me this (full-blood), it’s what I am, and it’s important to me to keep that way of life that the Creator gave me. Ceremonial grounds make sure that this way of life is kept,... not everyone that attends (Ceremonial grounds) is full-blood, but we make sure that the way of life, like the old way of the full-bloods long ago, is kept,” Yahola added.

The preservation of any culture is in the determination of its present generation. Many historic facts can be recorded to preserve the truth, even various forms of art can be helpful in documenting traditions that can be passed down. But it will be the commitment of its present people and how determined they are to keep their tribal beliefs, practices and culture alive.

For example, if a tribe feels it is ‘losing’ its language, it may begin to create tribal language classes, record words from an elder, or even write words in a book so they will not be lost. Effort is made to ensure that a part of their culture won’t disappear

and find an answer, but an answer to the thinning of the full-blood count can be more complicated.

One Muscogee (Creek) citizen who wished to remain anonymous was angry to hear about this finding and expressed his opinion that the generation today is indifferent.

“Its disappointing... they (Indian youth) want to be more into modern culture. They don’t seem to care - they think our culture is going to keep going, they think it will,” he stated.

The citizen also mentioned this generation is more interested in “being or looking like other races” than being proud of their own

“Half-breeds or people with less Indian blood seem to have more initiative to want to learn traditional ways... If you marry a white woman, you don’t have the right to complain, if you’re Indian and you went out and got an Indian girl and married her then you have a voice to say something. Some people say you can’t help who you fall in love with, but I don’t believe that... even in my own life, I was seeing a Mexican girl, but I had to drop her - she asked me why and I told her, it was important to me to find an Indian girl. But I think it’s the responsibility of the grandparents or parents to tell the younger kids how important it is for them to find another person who is a member of your own tribe,” he expressed.

Historically, Native Americans have chosen to be counted as a collective whole or one tribe - the unwillingness of each tribal member to take a piece of property or allotted land during the removal to Indian Territory is proof.

When the Five Tribes of the Southeast were first removed to Indian Territory and the U.S. Government required each member take their own individual property the idea of singularly owning property was foreign. But eventually, as time moved forward and generations passed, the ownership of property became the social norm and was accepted as Native American

tribes changed their philosophy to a more individual mind set in all parts of life, which may have played a part in lessening the full-blood count.

The introduction of the boarding school to Indian youth has also played a major factor as full-blood youth were forced by a white educational administration to give up their culture, language and identity. Full-bloods who were in the boarding school system were also forced to accept an alien society and then commanded to become it - psychologically impacting them and fostering low self-esteem in the process.

Students were generally taught ‘It is good to speak English and leave your Indian ways behind.’

Today, the educational system has changed dramatically, as places of learning encourage individuality and pride in students’ heritage.

Muscogee (Creek) Second Chief Alfred Berryhill commented, “It grieves me that there are no newborn full-bloods. It is sad that our original tribe has dwindled and that one day we will be celebrating the last of the full-bloods. I hate to be the last of anything, but I am. It is a problem that we ourselves have created... When the full-bloods are gone, our language will also be gone... It saddens me that we have Indians who look like Indians but do not know who they are.”

It has become quite unique to meet an actual full-blood today.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief A.D. Ellis said, “I have always had the greatest respect for our full-blood Creek people. To me, as Principal Chief, these are our true Creeks. I have even (much to the disagreement of thin-bloods) suggested modifying tribal laws to favor the full-blood citizens. I have four staff members in my office and they are all full-bloods. I feel that I should set an example. Someday there will be no more full-blood Creeks and that will be a sad day for our Nation.”

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Of Oklahoma
Citizenship Board

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TO: A.D. Ellis, Principle Chief
FROM: Laura Wesley, Director
Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship
DATE: December 21, 2009
RE: Full Blood Count by District and Age

The total Full Blood enrollment count of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship roll by districts and age are:

December 17, 2009										
Males										
	0-2	3-5	6-10	11-12	13-17	18-21	22-54	55-69	70+	100+
Creek	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	26	35	0
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	3	41	31	29	2
Muskogee	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	6	0
Okfuskee	0	0	0	0	2	3	47	46	35	1
Okmulgee	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	54	41	1
Tukvpytce	0	0	0	0	1	0	32	38	43	2
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	32	33	1
Undefined	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	11	20	1
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	7	0
Total	0	0	0	0	3	8	255	252	249	8
Females										
	0-2	3-5	6-10	11-12	13-17	18-21	22-54	55-69	70+	100+
Creek	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	23	36	0
McIntosh	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	45	44	2
Muskogee	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	9	11	1
Okfuskee	0	0	1	1	1	1	53	48	52	0
Okmulgee	0	0	0	0	1	1	48	69	67	1
Tukvpytce	0	0	0	0	1	0	43	62	62	0
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	40	43	0
Undefined	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	23	24	0
Wagoner	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	13	0
Total	0	0	1	1	3	13	252	328	352	4
Grand Total	1731									

You may contact our office at 1-800-482-1979 or (918) 756-8700, ext. 7940/7941/7942/7943

LIVING

Mvskoke Country Okfuskee Then and Now

by James Treat

Tribal towns have always been central to Mvskoke life.

Before removal, people living in the Creek Nation distinguished between two types of community: tvlofv, a smaller settlement of households and their fields; and tvlvw, a larger network of families affiliated with a particular square ground and its fire. Each tvlvw encompassed various tvlofv, in much the same way that an Amish sect unifies scattered Amish settlements.

One of the more prominent tribal towns in the old country was Okfuskee, an Upper Creek tvlvw on the Tallapoosa River.

The site is now covered by a reservoir, but it’s safe to say that Okfuskee was organized around three essential public structures: town square, council house, and ball field. This central district was likely surrounded by private homes and gardens laid out in an orderly fashion, with a large communal farm on the outskirts of town.

There were several Okfuskee villages nearby, in the Tallapoosa Valley, and several more on the Chattahoochee River, more than seventy miles overland to the east.

Like other towns in Mvskoke country, Okfuskee relied on cooperative agriculture.

The town’s cropland was managed by one prominent leader, an official the English referred to as “master of the ground.” Among other duties, he directed the spring planting of the communal fields—and Okfuskee residents could be punished for failing to help. But few wanted to miss the singing, joking, and storytelling that made

this vital work a festive experience.

Other responsibilities for food production were assigned on the basis of gender. Women supplied fruits and vegetables from their household gardens, while men hunted game animals to provide meat for their families.

Townpeople refrained from eating produce from the communal farm until posketv, known in English as Green Corn. And they could afford to do so, since the family plots were planted earlier and with a different variety of corn, one that ripened quicker.

Okfuskee was hvthakv, a white town devoted to peace, and early interactions with the British were mostly peaceful. Mvskoke diplomacy was often signified with agricultural products given as natural tokens of goodwill: corn and watermelon seeds, dried tobacco, strings of barley corn beads.

But relationships between town residents, between women and men, and between Okfuskee and the colonies began changing in the eighteenth century, especially during the years leading up to the American rebellion.

Increasing trade led to economic dependence, so Mvskoke men started hunting deer for their skins rather than their meat. Imported livestock damaged crops, so Mvskoke women had to spend more time protecting the fields.

Okfuskee grew more dispersed and townspeople altered their interactions with the land. The bonds of community welfare began to loosen just as settler aggression reared its ugly head. War, dispossession, and exile were just over the historical horizon.

The Okfuskee name lives on today in several places: a ceremonial ground and a chartered community, both northwest of Okemah; a Baptist church, southeast of Eufaula; a county government, seated in Okemah; and a district of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

But it’s been hard for tribal towns to practice collective farming since removing to Indian Territory, particularly after the allotment of Mvskoke lands a hundred years ago.

Of course, this reflects a broader social trend away from local agriculture in the twentieth century, with fewer and fewer people directly involved in food production. In Okfuskee County, for example, the 2000 U.S. Census found that only 2.5% of the employed labor force was working in agricultural occupations.

That’s a far cry from old Okfuskee, where every able-bodied citizen helped produce the community’s food supply.

Perhaps the twenty-first century will bring a new era of homegrown farmers. We have a lot to learn from our Mvskoke ancestors.

You can find more information about Mvskoke country, including an archive of previous columns, at <http://mvskokecountry.wordpress.com/>

I welcome your comments on anything I’ve written, as well as your suggestions for things I should be writing about. You can reach me by email at treaty@illinois.edu



And Still the Waters Run American Indian Free Health Clinic - Compton, Calif.



Photo courtesy of Anita Freeman

Pictured above are JoAnn and Carl Freeman who were instrumental in the success of the American Indian Free Health Clinic in Compton, Calif., in the 1970s and 1980s. Both moved back to Oklahoma after leaving their mark on the Native population of California during that time.

George Windes
CMCA Historian

YORBA LINDA, Calif., — Joan “JoAnn” Walker Freeman may have been Seminole, but she was also important to the California Muscogee Creek community. Indeed, Joan would gain importance to many immigrating Indians coming to Los Angeles. She had actually married a Creek man, loving his people and promoted his heritage as well.

Joan Walker was born April 19, 1923 in Seminole County, Oklahoma, daughter of Jeff and Sissy Wolf Walker. There were two sisters and eight brothers in her large family. She attended the Wewoka schools and Junior College in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

She married into the Freeman Family who were of Tuskegee lineage. Carlisle “Carl” Jr. was one of five children born to Carlisle and Louvina Harjo Freeman. He was a veteran of World War II. Eventually three sons came to Carl and JoAnn’s home. They are David O., Jeff Carlisle, and James “Jamie” Freeman, all now of California.

California had become a destination for many of the Freemans. J.L “Roy” Freeman, an original enrollee, migrated in 1927. Several nephews and nieces came in the following decades. To be Native and an Okie was problematic in those years, but hard work meant decent pay and the chance to educate your children. Eventually, Carl and JoAnn joined the migration to Los Angeles, establishing their home primarily in Lawndale.

In the 1960s, the idea of free clinics for struggling ethnic groups was being promoted in America. The beginnings of an American Indian Free Clinic arose through the vision of Native leaders who saw a terrible need. Several small Indian churches backed the idea. JoAnn, a natural leader in “multi-tasking,” soon got involved (though the M-T concept was probably not yet invented).

An area V publication revealed in March 1970 that the by-laws for incorporation of the clinic had been drawn up (a lawyer was still needed to finalized it). The future clinic location (526 E. Oak Street, Compton) was identified and classes were scheduled to teach the staff.

Baptist minister, Rev. Emmett Sarracine, was listed as chair and Ben Harjo was the treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freeman are listed as members of the board.

From its humble beginning, a program went forth that would bless hundreds of Native people in Los Angeles County. The Compton Clinic was the only one for Indians in Los Angeles in 1971. Eighty percent of the staff was Indian.

Carl was a “field worker” at the time. The clinic provided diagnostic testing and referral. Nutrition, prenatal and well baby education was taught and transportation ser-

vices were also offered.

For several years, a hot lunch program for the elderly was run. Eventually the clinic moved into a much larger facility on Long Beach Blvd., in Compton. In 1976 it initiated the Main Artery, a drug/alcohol inpatient treatment center and halfway house at the Compton campus.

An exciting event that took place around this time was a visit of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. He toured the facility and gave his unqualified support. At the time the clinic was also offering medical, dental and counseling services, two nights a week, from 7-10 p.m.

Joan was not someone to sit idle-if service could be expanded, it was. Late night T.V., was utilized to promote the services of the clinic, often with JoAnn speaking.

In 1983, a second satellite facility opened west of downtown Los Angeles on Pizarro.

Until its’ funded ended unexpectedly in 1988, it provided like services for hundreds of Indians in the central city area, many of which couldn’t arrange a 30-mile round trip to Compton. It was called the Los Angeles Indian Health Center.

Joan Weibel-Orlando, in her excellent book, *INDIAN COUNTRY, L.A.*, mentions several downtown hang-out spots for Indian people. The need was great, but funding was always a problem.

JoAnn called herself a Seminole/Creek. Adept at both languages, she taught Creek for a while at the University of California at Los Angeles. Several local leaders of the Indian community in Los Angeles speak of her commitment to language. She was known as a strict taskmaster (“only CREEK spoken in this classroom!”).

Government health programs were changing and after twenty-five years of service, it was time to move on. JoAnn retired as the executive director of the Indian free clinic in 1988. She and Carl moved back to Oklahoma. She died in a car accident on May 5, 1998, while working for the Seminole Nation. Carl Freeman passed in 2008. They were both Native pioneers in California. Blessed be their memory forever.

Windes has been an active member of the California Muscogee Creek Association for nearly a decade and is currently serving on the Board as historian. He may be reached at: georgewindes@gmail.com.



OIC to elect Vice-Chair Friday, Jan. 29, 2010

Media Release
Okmulgee Indian Community

OKMULGEE—The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Okmulgee Indian Community will be holding an election for the position of Vice-Chair on Friday, Jan.

29, 2010 at the local community center.

Interested candidates must submit a letter of intent to run at the General Monthly Meeting set for Jan. 11, 2010 in

order to be considered.

For more information, please contact the Okmulgee Indian Community at (918) 758-0970.

Food Sovereignty Symposium set for Feb. 12-13

Media Release
Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative

OKMULGEE—The second annual Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Symposium is set for Feb. 12, 2010. Speakers will be featured at the capitol complex in the Mound Building beginning at 9

a.m., with activities lasting throughout the day.

Events, including a Native youth gathering, will continue at 9:30 a.m., the following day on Feb. 13, at the MCN

Housing Building and will conclude with a Savage Family concert that evening at 7 p.m., at the MFSI Warehouse.

For more information, please contact the MFSI offices at (918) 756-5915.

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LIFESTYLES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Emilee Reese Adams

POMPANO BEACH Fla., — On Nov. 24, 2009 Adams took part in the Annual Thanksgiving Feast at the Highlands Christian Academy, in Pompano Beach. The event provided her with an opportunity to display her traditional Creek attire, fellowship and educate her classmates about her culture.

She is the daughter of Paula Lee and Jacob Adams. He Grand-parents are Ed and Rita Lee of Beggs, Okla.

Great Grandparents are Catherine Evans of Kiefer, Okla.

She is of the Turtle Clan.



Jacob Lee Cantrell

HENRYETTA — Jacob L. Cantrell was recently nominated November Student of the month at Henryetta Public Schools. He is in the fifth-grade and exhibits great manners and is a charasmatic student.

Another note worthy achievement for Cantrell is that in his first year of Band he has held First Chair for an entire semester.

Jacob is the son of Angel and Jared Ellis. He has two younger siblings Brighton and Avalynn Cantrell.

His maternal grandparents are Timothy Cantrell and Lesa Ackerman.

Paternal Grandmother is Terri Stiver.



Nikki Kirra Deere

OKEMAH — On Dec.5, 2009 19 month old Nikki Kirra Deere participated in the Okemah Christmas Pageant. Deere was selected as Queen for the 12-23 month old age group and also won the most photogenic title.

Deere is the daughter of Rob and Danielle Deere and has two brothers, Robby and Jonathan.

Paternal grandparents are Dean Deere of Tulsa and Christine Roberts of Okemah.

Maternal grandparents are Mary and Gordon Baldwin of Pharoah.



Austin S. Green

TIGER MOUNTAIN — Austin S. Green a First-Grader at Henryetta Elementary was nominated as the October Student of the month. Additionally he was the recipient of the Superintendent Spotlight Award.

Six year old Green is the son of Shelly and Timmy (Blue) Cantrell.

Grandparents are Ranae Anthamatten, Timothy Cantrell and Lesa Ackerman.

His performance and hard work in Mrs. Furer's class are big part of his success.



Renee Gouge

HENRYETTA — Renee Gouge was selected as the October Student of the month in Susan Dodge's T-1 class at Henryetta Public Schools. Her achievement was based on her hard work and diligence.

She is an outstanding student and daughter of Tom Gouge, Jr. and Tonya Cole.

Paternal Grandparents are the late Tom and Lily Gouge.

Maternal Grandparents are Carolyn and Audie Cole.



James A. Mitchell

OKLAHOMA CITY —Wetumka High School Alumni Class of 1995, James A. Mitchell recently donated his artwork to the Wetumka Elementary and High School Art Department.

The artwork entitled the “Spirit Tree” in which the branches of the tree form six images was accepted by Mrs. Mary Jones on behalf of the school.

The “Spirit Tree” as well as two other original pieces which were also donated to the department entitled “Country Hillside” and “Colors” are all original acrylic paintings. Mitchell stated, “I would like to leave a legacy of artwork to both the elementary and high school.” By donating his work he hopes to inspire, intrigue and to encourage the arts.

Mitchell is the grandson of Louise and the Late Sam Mitchell, and the son of Jimmy Mitchell and the Late Eve Jeanette Shimizu.



BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

John “Sagiya” Pigeon

HENRYETTA — John “Sagiya” Pigeon will celebrate his 95th birthday Jan. 15, 2010.

Family and friends will be hosting a birthday party with the theme “95 and Still Going Strong” for John on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 at the Yardeka Baptist Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 1 p.m.

Ladies are asked to bring two covered dishes (traditional pot luck will be served) and men are asked to bring a 12-pack of pop or case of pop.

Parents are the late Jimmy Pigeon and late Jenny ‘Deo’ Pigeon.

John is of the New Tulsa Ceremonial Ground and an active member of Greenleaf Ceremonial Ground. He is of the Bird Clan

Siblings include the late Leisbee Pigeon, late Lucy ‘Pigeon’ Fixico, late Turner ‘Legah’ Pigeon, late Twin Sister Mary ‘Sillie’ Pigeon Soweka, late Josephine ‘Lesta’ Pigeon Soweka, late Benny Pigeon and adopted sister Lena ‘Pigeon’ Proctor of Dustin, Okla.

Children are Geneva ‘Pigeon’ Taylor, Jimmy Pigeon, John ‘Red’ Pigeon Jr., Rocky Pigeon, JoAnn Pigeon and Billy Ray Pigeon.

John has 35 Grandchildren, 85 Great Grandchildren and 22 Great-great Grandchildren.

For any additional information please contact Jeanette Johnson (918) 623-1799 or Billie Harjochee at (918) 857-9419.



BIRTHS

Micah July John

MORRIS — Micah July John was born July 20, 2009 at 5:07 p.m., at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa. He weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., and was 19 inches long.

He is the son of Brandon John and Nedra Thompson.

Siblings include Jaden, 10 and Chase Adams, 6.

Grandparents are Carlin and Jaunita Thompson of Duck Creek and Luther and Norma John of Tishmingo Okla.

Great Grandparents are July and the late Mae Tulsa and Emily Dickerson, Raymond and Emily Howard and Johnnie and Dorothy Green.

John is of the Eco Clan and Locvpokv Tribal Town.



Jakovy Dyami July

TULSA — Jakovy Dyami July was born Dec. 22, 2009 at Tulsa's Southcrest Hospital. He weighed 8lbs., 13 oz., and measured 20 and a quarter inches in length.

He is the son of Randy Lee July, Jr., and Te-Ata Skye Foreman.

Paternal Grandparents are Randy Lee July, Sr. and Reta July.

Great Grandparents are Mose and Betty July.

Great-Great Grandparents are Wiley and Hannah July.

Maternal Grandparents are Johnny Foreman and Kimberly Swimmer-Foreman.

Great Grandparents are Isaac and Ella Mae Forman and Charley and Imagene Swimmer.



Kirsten Kay Whitehead

OKMULGEE —Kirsten Kay Whitehead was born on Aug. 13, 2009. She weighed 6lbs., and 15 oz.

Her parents Esteban Whiehead and Shawna Whitehead-Snyder welcomed her birth.

She is the Granddaughter of Steve and Sharon Whitehead of Sapulpa and Maggie Snyder of Fla.



BIRTHDAYS

Winter Kay Beaver

OKMULGEE — Winter Kay Beaver recently celebrated a birthday with a two-day Hannah Montana and a Chuck E. Cheese party.

Winter is the daughter of Malissa Beaver.

Maternal Grandparents are Betty and Richard Beaver.

Maternal Great Grandparents are the late Hellen and Lewis Fish.

Paternal Grandparent is the late John Beaver.

Beaver is of the Bird Clan and the Weogufgee Tribal Town.



LIFESTYLES/LIVING

BIRTHDAYS (Continued)

Kaedyn W. Bagby

OKMULGEE — Kaedyn W. Bagby celebrated his third birthday on Nov. 23, 2009 with a Transformers theme party. Bagby is the son of Krystal Cook. Family members include Norma “Shorty” Taryole, Lydia and Newman Taryole, William Cook and the late Ella and George Cook.



Kareffren D. Bagby Jr.

OKMULGEE — Kareffren D. Bagby Jr. celebrated his fifth birthday on Nov. 23, 2009 with a Transformers theme party. Bagby is the son of Krystal Cook. Family members include Norma “Shorty” Taryole, Lydia and Newman Taryole, William Cook and the late Ella and George Cook.



Brianna Renee Candioto

MOUNDS — Brianna Renee Candioto celebrated her 12th birthday Nov. 3, 2009. Brianna is the daughter of Connie Dearman and Allen Candioto. She has one sister, Brittani Candioto. She is the granddaughter of Walter and Mary Dearman and Dennis and Carolyn Eddleman. Great Grandparents are the late Frazier and Julia Fish and the late Joe and Wanita Candioto. She is of the Bear Clan.



Kiya B. Haney-Powell

JENKS — Kiya turned five years old on Dec 9, 2009. Kiya celebrated his fifth birthday with a Transformers party held at Riverlanes Bowling Alley in Tulsa, Okla. He is the son of Jamie N. Haney of Jenks, and Cameron Powell of Henryetta, Grandson of Willie ,Sr. and Ellen Haney of Morris, and Jerry and Karen Powell of Henryetta. Great Grandparents are the late Wesley Sr. and late Joan (Sunny) Dunn of Morris, the late Woodrow Haney of Glenpool and the late Hattie Haney of Seminole, the late Benjamin and Christine Harjo of Salem and Author Powell of Bristow and Mary Kelly of Ryal. Kiya is of the Bear Clan.



Nessa Danielle Starr

DEL CITY — Nessa Danielle Starr celebrated her birthday Dec, 19, 2009 with a Disney Princess skating party. She is the daughter of Shereena Starr. Starr’s siblings include Nathan Starr and Myka and Leandra Scott. Starr is the Granddaughter of Kathryn Harjo and the Great Granddaughter of the late George Wesley Harjo and Cora (Davis) Harjo.



MFSI Elder Spotlight: Lettie Randall



MFSI/Rita Williams

Pictured above is Muscogee (Creek) Elder Lettie Harjo Randall who utilizes the land by gathering wild onions in the spring and picking up pecans in the fall.

Rita Williams
Reprinted from Dec. MFSI newsletter

OKMULGEE — I get all nostalgic around Christmas and have always wondered what an early Christmas must have been like in the early 1800’s for a lot of people. I just let my mind wander and I study on every detail in my mind around this time. While my spirit was wondering I thought about the cold and what women must have gone through to make the season a little brighter for their family. Just to get food on their table must have been a concern for them, much less gifts for everyone.

While I was pondering that thought, there was a knock at my door. As I opened it, there stood a familiar young Indian man who had came to sell wild onions for his mother. His mother was a little under the weather, but she had thought of us to buy onions. We always buy from her around Thanksgiving or Christmas. My husband and I have often commented on how hard she works throughout the year to make a living.

I hadn’t found the woman of the month nor the food of the month for our newsletter, but I knew I wanted the month of December to be someone special and I thought of Lettie Randall. I am dedicated to telling the stories of our grass roots Indian women and their struggles to make ends meet without an education with just plain hard work and strength to survive through the hard times.

Lettie Harjo Randall, Creek, was born in Claremore, Okla., and raised in Clearview. Her tribal town is Talmocvse, her clan is Wotko and she attends Creek Chapel.

She was raised in a home that spoke only Creek and remembers her grandparents Jemamie and Basti living with them. “Back then we took care of the elders and gave them a place to stay. Eventually we attended boarding school and would return in the summer. I remember that all our food was planted and preserved.

The only things we had to buy from town was salt, flour and coffee,” Harjo stated.

“My mother and father belonged to Creek Chapel and attended church all the time. We lived about a mile and a half from church and one cold snowy evening we headed to church. Dad tied tow sacks around our shoes to keep from getting wet and walked in front of us with

a lantern to light the way in the dark,” Harjo reflects.

Times were hard remembers Lettie but was thankful that her parents were praying people. “When I look back I wonder how did they raise us? They were young parents and took us to church, we were blessed.”

At one time she and her two sisters had lost their husbands and had to provide for their children. “One of my sisters had eight children, my other sister had nine children. We chopped peanuts, hoed cotton, picked pecans and picked wild onions, whatever it took for us to survive we did it. We made a living off the land, kept our children in school, made it home in time after they got home, fed our children and kept the house. Now days I see the young girls giving up their children and saying they can’t make it even those that have one child. I say, ‘Yes they can do it’ If all you have to feed your children is beans you can do it”

“There were many times I didn’t know how I was going to feed my children and would take my last groceries in my house to Fourth Sunday not knowing about tomorrow, but I always asked God to help me and he always came through.”

Lettie’s values for life came from watching her parents. “I watched my mother feed visitors with left overs, mom never threw out anything. One time she saved cold gravy and a visitor came by to see them. She warmed up that gravy and made biscuits and you would have thought that she served them a huge meal. They ate like kings, talked and laughed.”

Her children are all adults now and she has three grandchildren. She raised her children with strict discipline, never sparing the rod. “They never talked back to me. They respect me in my house, they don’t curse, drink or swear in my home. Whatever they do away from my house is what they do. Today parents are afraid of their children. I love my kids and grandchildren, but they are going to respect me,” said Lettie.

You can find her still picking wild onions and selling them when she can find them. According to Lettie, they are getting harder to find and the seasons are not as cold as they used to be. If you don’t see her selling wild onions, she may be picking pecans, or selling her salt meat and biscuits.

Birthdays, Births & Special Announcements!

Birthday:

Roll Number: _____
Phone Number: (____) _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Theme of the party: _____
Parents: _____
Siblings: _____
Maternal and Paternal grandparents: _____
Maternal and Paternal great grandparents: _____
School: _____
Clan: _____
Tribal Town: _____



Birth:

Roll Number: _____
Phone Number: (____) _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Name of Hospital: _____
Weight: _____ pounds _____ ounces _____ inches
Parents: _____
Siblings: _____
Maternal and Paternal grandparents: _____
Maternal and Paternal great grandparents: _____
Clan: _____
Tribal Town: _____



Announcements:

Roll Number: _____
Phone Number: (____) _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Parents: _____
Siblings: _____
Maternal and Paternal grandparents: _____
Maternal and Paternal great grandparents: _____
Clan: _____
Tribal Town: _____
Please attach announcement



OBITUARIES

DANIEL DE DEERE



HENRYETTA — Daniel De Deere was born Sept. 14, 1945 at Talihina, Okla., to Jim and Kogee (Morrison) Deere. He was raised in Lenna, Oklahoma.

He graduated from Stidham High School in 1964. He left the Stidham and Lenna area to attend Haskell Indian College.

He served in the U.S. Army and retired from the Oklahoma National Guard. Daniel married Twanna (Susie) Phillips on May 14, 1971. They had four children: Michael De Wayne, Michelle De Ann, Daniel James and Shawna Sue.

He worked at the Eufaula Indian Health Center as Maintenance Technician for almost 18 years.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. His favorite hobbies were fishing, watching OU football, playing and watching fast pitch softball, watching his birds and working at the clinic every day. Daniel was a member of the Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church.

Daniel passed away Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009 at the Muskogee Regional Medical Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Susie of the home, son, Michael of Stidham, daughter, Michelle of the home, son, Daniel and Mary of Eufaula, daughter, Shawna of Eufaula, sister, Sue Ann Bumgarner of Eufaula, mother-in-law, Mina Phillips of Stidham, and grandchildren; Tiarra, Daniel, Arrow Echo-Hawk, Lauryn, Earnest Daniel and a host of relatives and friends.

Daniel is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, James Deere, Jr., and one sister, Evelyn Jean.

A wake service was held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009, at the New Arbor Indian Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 21, at the New Arbor Indian Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Tom Dowling, Bill Dowling, Zenus Dowling, Nathaniel Grayson, Robert Dowling, Adam Jones, Jr., Richmond Colbert and Paul Phillips.

Honorary pallbearers were Alfred Goat, Leo “Taco” Enriquez and Jack Bedford.

Services were under the direction of Hunn, Black & Merritt Funeral Home & Crematory.

LORETTA KELLY



HENRYETTA — Loretta “Pat” Kelly, a resident of Henryetta, passed away, Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 in Tulsa at the age of 69.

Loretta was born, August 4, 1940 in Claremore.

She received a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. She married Earl Kelly of Dewar, Dec. 12, 1981 in Okmulgee.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Melissa Tiger, her maternal grandparents, Ben and Sallie Tiger, one brother, Jerry Tiger,

two sisters; Barbara Noble and Mary Shirley, and by granddaughter, Isabella.

She is survived by her husband, Earl Kelly of the home, seven children: Tonya Legrand of Morris; Julie Bullard and husband Jeff of Tulsa; Charles Kelly of Henryetta, Kenneth Thomas Wilson, II of Henryetta, Shannon Kelly of Okmulgee, Matthew Todd Wilson and wife Jennifer of Oklahoma City, and Christopher Wayne Kelly of Okmulgee, niece, Melissa Rae McCoy of Okmulgee; 17 grandchildren: Amanda Anderson of Henryetta, Paul Kelly of Okmulgee, Jennifer Kelly of Okmulgee, Kari Anne Harjo, Kelli Legrand of Morris, Laci Legrand of Morris, Brittany Wilson of Glenpool, Mark Harjo of Okmulgee, Christopher Hill of Okmulgee, Janessah Kelly of Okmulgee, Joseph Kelly of Okmulgee, Gabriel Mathias Scott Wilson of Oklahoma City, Oce McCart of Morris, Paul McCart of Morris, Isaiah Taylor of Morris and Isabella Legrand of Morris, seven great grandchildren; Maniya Sage Wilson of Henryetta, Taylor Rae Morgan Anderson of Henryetta, Michael Cole Smith of Okmulgee, Nicholas James Anderson of Henryetta, Braxton Charles Anderson of Henryetta, Jordan Lee Kelly of Okmulgee, Navah Michelle Kelly of Okmulgee and Michael Jordan Haney of Morris, one brother, Melvin McCoy of Tulsa, six sisters; Joyce McMahan of Hulbert, Cecelia Moore of Webber Falls, Dianna Hunt and husband Fred of Skiatook, Jenice Chavez and husband Ben of Winchester, Alice Locust of Okmulgee, Rebecca Humphreys of Okmulgee. Also a host of nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives.

JAMES W. LARNEY

HOLDENVILLE — James W. Larney passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009 at Seminole Hospital.

Funeral services were held at Wewoka Methodist Church in Yeager, Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009. Rev. Joe Lowe, Jr., officiated the service.

James was born May 4, 1931, to Jimmy Larney and Nora Scott.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Amy Powell Larney, two step-children, Amon Deere of Bixby and Rosemarie Spottedwolf of Albuquerque, N.M.

James leaves behind his children: Bob Larney and wife, Abbie of Holdenville; Patricia Hicks and Lloyd of Holdenville; Jimmie Jo and William Jesse of Okmulgee; and son Richard Larney of Lawton.

He was also preceded by sisters, Evelyn McGirt of Holdenville and Millie Jean Clapp of Greensboro, N.C., along with numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

NEOMA LEE MCINTOSH



STIDHAM — Neoma Lee “Na” McIntosh, 83, of Stidham, passed away Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009.

Neoma was born May 10, 1926, in Fame, Okla., as the daughter of Drue and Rena (Self) Williams.

On February 14, 1946, Neoma married Thomas McIntosh in Eufaula. They were happily married for 63 years.

Neoma worked for the Eufaula Public Schools as a librarian for 17 years. She was an avid sports fan, playing semi-pro basketball during the war.

Neoma was a member of the Big Arbor Indian Baptist Church and the Muskogee (Creek) Nation. Neoma had a big heart and always helped those in

need taking in friends or giving assistance to someone who might need a little help.

Neoma’s biggest love was her family. She was always traveling to watch her children and later her grandchildren in all of their activities. Her family was her life.

Survivors include: husband, Thomas McIntosh, of the home; sons, Dr. Stanley McIntosh and Vicki of Eufaula, Dr. Roley McIntosh and Debbie of Eufaula and Tom Stacy and Vicki Berry McIntosh of Eufaula; daughters, Rosemary Price of Addington and Rebecca and Richard Harris of Ft. Gibson; her brothers, J.D. Williams and Bonnie of Stidham, Jerry Williams and Susie of Crowder and Danny Williams and Carrie Lee of Eufaula; her sister, Barbara Dixon and Leon of Checotah; her sisters-in-law, Lahoma Whitson of McAlester, Hazel McIntosh of Stidham and Louise McIntosh also of Stidham. Neoma is also survived by 18 grandchildren, Wade Jennings, Natalie Jerez, Jana Kuehne, Olivia, Cynthia and Paul McIntosh, Leah Jack, Liz, Lauren and Ben Harris, Spencer, Tyler and Eli McIntosh, Samantha Lewis, Thomas, Christian and Makenzie McIntosh, and Karissa Fulton and 22 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a son-in-law, Bob Price.

Visitation was held at the family home on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009 and Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009. Wake services were held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009 at the Big Arbor Indian Baptist Church in Stidham with Rev. Fred Lindsey officiating. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009 at the Stidham Baptist Church with Rev. Gary Hawkins and Rev. Carlos Cascante officiating followed by burial at the McIntosh/Hawkins Cemetery under the direction of Hunn, Black & Merritt Funeral Home & Crematory.

Pallbearers included: Spencer McIntosh, Tyler McIntosh, Eli McIntosh, Paul McIntosh, Thomas R. McIntosh, Ben Harris, Christian McIntosh and Wyatt Jennings.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Big Arbor Baptist Church Building Fund or Missions Fund.

KENNETH “JAG” TIGER



SALEM — Kenneth “Jag” Tiger, a resident of Okmulgee, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009 at the

age of 66 years, one month, and eight days.

He was born on Monday, Nov. 8, 1943 to Cody and Lela (McNac) Tiger in Henryetta.

He was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Gracie Tiger.

Survivors include: wife, Edna Tiger of the home; six sons; Darryl Tiger, Virgil Sanders, Patrick Berryhill, T.J. Sanders, Nick Sanders and Brian Sanders, six daughters; Brenda Holuby, Angela Lopez, Pamela Culley, Melinda Sanders, Sammi Sanders, and Polly Sanders, three brothers; Mathew Tiger, George Tiger and Martin Tiger; 41 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Wake services were held Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009 at the Tiger Family Home. Funeral Services were Monday, Dec. 21, 2009 at the Salem Baptist Church with Rev. Amon Harjo officiating. Burial was at the Yardeka Cemetery under the direction of Shurden Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Pallbearers were Justin Stallings, Patrick Berryhill, Yancy Culley, Eric Starr, Terry Tiger, Chebon Tiger and Zac Tiger.

Honorary Pallbearers were Carney Roberts, Ed Moore, Jr., Perry Beaver, Buster Bear, Jr., Buddy Beaver and James Starr.

SARAH WILLIAMSON

TULSA — Sarah Louise Hope, daughter of Beaden and Matilda Francis Hope, was born March 11, 1923 in Salem, Okla. She started attending church services at a very early age and attended school in Oklahoma and Kansas.

She met and married Bruce Nelson in Muskogee, Okla. To this union was born Martha Louise, Mary Bruen, Linda Kay and Rebecca Ann. This union was later dissolved. She then met and married Alfred Williamson and his daughters: Terry Marilyn, Georgia, and Lila.

She began her higher education endeavor at Conner’s State College and received her BS degree and MS degree from Northeastern University.

She was working on her Ph.D at Oklahoma State University when her health began to fail. She enjoyed many years of community service and teaching in Dewar and was a member of Silver Spring Baptist Church for many years.

Her life was based on her faith, her family and her friends. She raised her children in the church and led them on the pathway based on God’s words, grace and blessings.

She demonstrated always the importance of knowing, loving, and caring for a family. She traveled the world for her children and grandchildren and yet emphasized being a lady - being courteous and a also true friend.

She is preceded in death by her husband Alfred Williamson, her

mother Matica Francis, her father Beaden Hope, her sister Christine Ransom and brothers Curtis Hughes and Jerry Tuggle.

She leaves to mourn her passing her daughters; Martha White of the home, Mary Henderson of Arlington, Texas, Linda Woolfolk of Woodbridge, Va., and Rebecca Wilson of Arlington, Texas along with her brothers Beaden Hope, Ivory Tuggle, Green Littlehorn Tuggle, Quinetn Tuggle, and Herman Tuggle, 11 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009 at Silver Spring Baptist Church with Rev. A.J. Tiger officiating. Interment was held at Greenlawn Cemetery in Checotah under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

THANK YOU

SALEM — The family of Kenneth “Jag” Tiger extends its appreciation and thanks to Muskogee (Creek) Nation Social Services, Tribal Roads Program, Communications Department, Lighthouse Chief Jack Shackelford, Lighthouse officers Daniel Wind and Washington Cummings, Okmulgee District Rep. James Jennings, Dean Williams, Salem Baptist and Yardeka Indian Baptist churches.

Thanks to Freedom Hospice for the compassionate care they provided. Also, to those who provided food, offered prayers and encouragement during this time of bereavement in the loss of our family member.

MVTO,
The Family of Kenneth Tiger

THANK YOU

HOLDENVILLE — The family of James Larney would like to thank Muskogee (Creek) Nation Social Services, Tribal Roads Program and a special thank you to Wewoka Methodist Church for the food, prayers and words of comfort given to the Larney Family.

Also to Holdenville Community Center, Fisher Funeral Home, and to everyone else that had a part in the funeral of James Larney.

THANK YOU

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Also, thanks to Hutchinson-Mables Funeral Home, Bristow Indian Community Center, the Muskogee (Creek) Nation and the Myskoke Nation Honor Guard, Rev. Trulee Johns, Bro. Don Tiger, leaders of the beautiful Muskogee hymns and Bro. Clifton Morris.

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Coming and Going in Indian Country

by Joy Harjo

Somethoughts for the New Year:
--Yesterday, the last day of 2009, went out early in the canoe into Maunalua Bay into waters agitated by the full blue moon. We paddled out toward Portlock, through tricky water swells, with the adroit skills of the steersman Monte Costa. This is what I miss when I back in New Mexico and Oklahoma: being water and canoe, moving through the human field with my water mind.

--Geological time is much like Indian time. In such a wide-angle view of time, colonization has already happened. It was a failed experiment. It was a blip in real time, a tough lesson in the human story line for everyone involved.

--We humans are small marks in time. It's the ancestral field that makes a discernable design. Just ask the artists, the visionaries, and others who travel out into the memory field. Ask those who have maintained a tradition of taking care, and paying attention.

--It is difficult to proceed with dignity and grace when you have lost yourself and your children to a prevailing story that doesn't include you. We are almost never visible in the story. We are almost never on television, in the movies, heard on the radio, seen on the Internet, or visible anywhere, except as powwow dancers, warriors on horseback, shy Indian princesses, or constructed of other images emerging from a past constructed by Hollywood or anthropologists.

--The worst part is that we often believe these images.

--The newest Hollywood attempt, Avatar, despite the 3-D effects and millions of dollars worth of techie shine is the same shameless "wannabe" story as the blockbuster, "Dances With Wolves". The non-native protagonist literally inhabits an indigenous body as a spy on their naturalistic society, and becomes more native than the natives, winning the girl, all bravery contests, and then returns to lead them out of a holocaustic fire of colonial destruction.

--And while I'm on the subject of Hollywood, kudos to the new series on the Travel Channel, Meet the Natives: USA. Five men from a remote island of Tanna in the Pacific, who still live in a traditional manner are taken off the island to the U.S. They ask many questions, such as: "Why are we so obsessed with money and possessions? Why do we treat our pets better than some of our fellow citizens? What does "family" mean to us? What do we do with our elderly? How come we make all our important decisions in bars? And what's the point of ironing a shirt?" Only half of what they say is translated. I can only imagine what they are saying to each other in their tribal language as they go to their first cocktail party in New York to "meet the WASP's" What has really struck me as I've watched the series, is the humor and dignity of the travelers. Despite all the glitter and glam, they see the truth of the matter. They are happy to return home with their stories. I wonder if people still living so close to the heart of the earth can believe much of what was witnessed in the lifestyle of the U.S.?

--And New Year's Eve watched the first ever of its kind native comedy show, Going Native: The American Indian Comedy Slam, a Showtime special featuring Charlie Hill, the Oneida comedian as MC and featured artist, and five other native comedians Larry Omaha, Howie Miller, J. R. Redwater, Marc Yaffee, Jim Ruel and Vaughn Eaglebear. As Hill pointed out in the introduction, laughter is truly a medicine and part of healing. They did an incredible job. Which leads me to my final thought:

--I look forward to the time when we each take our rightful place in the story. We must each assume our place, and believe in ourselves. Every sunrise marks a new year. Every breath is a decision to go forward. Might as well go forward with bravery, laughter, joy, grief, whatever it is, let it be exactly what it is, and most of all, be yourself.



Leitka aides Stoops' Troops

• Creek trainer helps keep OU's football players in tip-top condition



MNN/Gerald Wofford

Pictured above is University of Oklahoma volunteer trainer and Muscogee (Creek)/Seminole Rich Leitka standing shoulder-to-shoulder with OU's Sooners Football team.

Gerald Wofford
Communications Manager

NORMAN — We know that the University of Oklahoma football program has had a strong Native American influence, which has been especially highlighted this year with the emergence of Sam Bradford, but the team even has a strong representation behind the scenes with Muscogee (Creek) Seminole Rich Leitka.

Leitka is one of the trainers for the University of Oklahoma football team, and he makes sure that each of the players is ready to play every Saturday in the fall. He helps the players stretch out and stay hydrated during the games.

Most trainers that are a part of a major college sports program get their start by majoring in the field of 'sports science' or some type of physical rehab or medical training. Leitka's beginning with the team was none of the above, but through a unique meeting with a famous member of the Sooner team more than 20 years ago.

"I used to train my two sons in track," explains Leitka, who grew up in Wetumka and now lives in Norman, "I trained them on the track that is near the school" (University).

It was during one summer training session that Leitka and his sons happened to see Spencer Tillman,

working out, but Tillman couldn't finish his workout because of a persistent problem. Tillman, who was one of the star running backs for the Sooners as a freshman in 1983, had been hampered by hamstring injuries throughout his time at OU and if this problem persisted, it could have prevented playing college sports anymore-canceling any plans of a professional football career which Tillman hoped for in the future.

Before each workout, Leitka would properly stretch out his sons and he noticed Tillman and his problem and offered to stretch him out. Tillman noticed that it improved his hamstring immensely. "He asked me if I was going to be here at the track tomorrow," said Leitka, "I told him I was here every day."

From then on, Leitka was to help Tillman especially before each game by properly stretching him out and became an official/unofficial member of the OU training staff.

"Coach (Barry) Switzer said he didn't mind that I came along and worked with him," says Leitka. "By the end of the season, we had worked on it (hamstring) so much with stretching techniques, that he didn't have any problems with it." The proof was in

Tillman's performance from then on, when he went to a National Championship in 1985.

In fact, Leitka's services were so needed by Tillman that when he finished his college career and was drafted by the Houston Oilers of the NFL, Tillman requested him at each Houston home game during the season.

"He said when I go down that field during the kickoffs, I want to make sure that I'm ready to go," said Leitka.

Leitka's knowledge was not just about his love of running, but to help his sons as well, especially one of his boys who grew up with a unique problem. "My son has one leg that is shorter than the other," explains Leitka "and one hamstring would bother him more than the other."

Leitka would contact doctors, coaches and other trainers to learn about stretching techniques for this unique problem. After some time, he was able to create a special stretch routine that would allow his son to continue in track and field and be successful.

The dedication of learning 'what worked' helped Leitka to also know more about the science of flexibility and muscle strength overall.

"It was through trial and error, that we came up with a stretching rou-

tine that worked," says Leitka when commenting about working with Tillman and his hamstring concerns.

"The problem they (other trainers) thought was that their was not enough strength in his leg and that wasn't the problem, it was his flexibility, so that's what we worked on, his flexibility," he stated.

Leitka would continue with the OU football program after Tillman retired from professional football. By this time, Switzer was gone and John Blake was Head Coach. After Blake left and current Head Coach Bob Stoops took the reins in 1999, Leitka stayed on as a trainer for the program.

As far as the coaching styles of Switzer and Stoops, Leitka comments that Switzer "was serious, but could be comical too, he was also very philosophical" while Stoops is "very intense, but he's a player's coach and he really likes to win."

Leitka says he plans on helping the program "as long as they allow me and I'm able." All in all, not a bad gig, for a Muscogee (Creek) Seminole whose been helping the Oklahoma Sooner football team for quite a while.

Creek History Spotlight: Sophia A. Callahan

• Creek author was advocate for Native women's rights

Gerald Wofford
Communications Manager

OKMULGEE — Sophia Alice Callahan is one of the literary pioneers whose work addressed the movements of Native Americans and women for equal rights as early as the 1800s. The daughter of Samuel Benton Callahan Sarah Elizabeth Callahn, Sophia was born on Jan. 1, 1868 in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Samuel Benton Callahan, born in 1833 in Alabama, was one-eighth Muscogee. The Callahan family migrated from Alabama and settled in Indian Territory.

Samuel Callahan's significant accomplishments involved his becoming a Justice of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Supreme Court in 1901 and serving as Executive Secretary to three Principal Chiefs of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The Indian Journal reported in 1886 that Alice Callahan was teaching in Okmulgee, Indian Territory at the age of eighteen.

Sophia Callahan attended the Wesleyan Female Institute in Staunton, Va. In 1891 she worked as the editor of Our Brother in Red, a Methodist newspaper published at Musko-



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Pictured above is Creek author/teacher Sophia Callahan who wrote the romantic novel, *Callahan's Wynema: A Child of the Forest* (1891).

gee, Indian Territory. During the 1890s she taught at the Wealaka Boarding School and Harrell International Institute.

Callahan's Wynema: A Child of the Forest (1891), a loosely constructed romantic novel, presents the story of a Creek girl named Wynema Harjo and her Methodist teacher, Genevieve Weir.

As Weir learns about Creek life, the reader is introduced to American Indian traditions such as the Green Corn Festival and burial practices and to foods such as sofkey and blue dumplings.

Woven into the work are contemporary issues ranging from women's rights to Indian land allotment and the massacre at Wounded Knee. By writing the novel, Callahan hoped to bring attention to the plight of all American Indians.

Callahan planned to finish her studies in Virginia and open her own school in the Creek Nation, however, on Jan. 7, 1894, at age 26, she died of pleurisy.

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T&R receives golden bronc

• Gold Buckle Gala honors MCN Festival Rodeo



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The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Rodeo was recently named the 2009 International Pro Rodeo Association's 'Best New Rodeo of the Year' by the IPRA. Pictured left to right are Jesse Guillory, Chief Field Officer for the IPRA, MCN Tourism & Recreation Director Cherokee Hicks, Public Relations Manager Thompson Gouge and IPRA Director Dale Yerigan

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKLAHOMA CITY — Amidst the shine of golden belt buckles, wafting scent of freshly polished leather boots and pearly-white smiles at the 2010 Golden Buckle Gala, representatives from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Tourism & Recreation stood to receive the award for the International Pro Rodeo Association's Best New Ro-

deo of the Year for 2009.

According to Director of Tourism & Recreation Cherokee Hicks, the award is not only an honor for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, but for the tribe itself.

"I was just elated. This award isn't to me — this award is to the Creek Nation. I want to focus on the positives of

the tribe and this is definitely a positive," Hicks stated.

The bronze bronc was awarded to the tribe's Tourism & Recreation Department as part of the International Professional Rodeo Association's annual International Finals Rodeo awards ceremony in Oklahoma City on Jan. 14.

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Carol McHenry-Williams takes Tulsa's Seat A

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

TULSA — Carol Sue McHenry-Williams will join the Palen-Epohkaken (16th) Session of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council after capturing 69.2 percent and 191 of ballots cast by Tulsa District voters for Seat A.

Opponent Jerry Wilson received 30.8 percent and 85 votes.

For more information, please contact the offices at (918) 758-1418 or visit the official Web site at www.mcnn.com



Tulsa District Rep. Carol McHenry-Williams (Seat A)

*Muscogee (Creek) Nation
National Council*

2010 U.S. Census kick-off set for Monday, March 1

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

TULSA — On Monday, March 1, 2010, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will kick-off U.S. Census 2010 with the reading of an official proclamation by Principal Chief A.D. Ellis which will highlight the importance of tribal members' participation.

The results of a Census affect

how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to state, local and tribal governments like the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

According to Susan Arkeketa, U.S. Census Partnership Specialist, the participation in Census 2010 is of major importance for tribal citizens.

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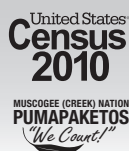
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The Thomas
Family Indian
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:)
P. M.) CASE NO. ~~AD 2010-01~~ ^{8m} P 2 16
A minor child.) Before Judge Moore
Judge of the District Court

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR ORDER DETERMINING CHILDREN TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT OF NATURAL FATHER

TO: Stephen Turner

On the 19 day of JANUARY 2010, a Petition was filed in this Court for the Adoption of the minor child, P.M., a minor child born out of wedlock at Methodist Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, on December 15, 2002, to Timisha Michelle Melton, so that minor child can be determined eligible for adoption without consent of the natural father. Said Petition is set for hearing on the 2nd day of MARCH, 2010 at the hour of 10 O'clock PT M before the Honorable Judge Patrick E. Moore in District Court in and for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, located at Highway 75 and Loop 56, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Petitioner has alleged in the Petition that you are the biological father, as adjudicated in the District Court of Dallas County, Texas, 304th Judicial District Cause No. 03-324-W. Petitioner alleges that your consent to this adoption should be deemed unnecessary and your parental rights terminated because you failed to pay child support for the child in accordance with your ability during the preceding year and that you failed to establish and/or maintain a significant relationship with the child for a period of six (6) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of the Petition for Adoption.

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YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN ABOVE, WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE, AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT.

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JUDGE PATRICK MOORE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Rodeo was chosen by a panel of over 2,500 IPRA members where the competition included 44 new IPRA-sanctioned rodeos this year throughout the United States and Canada.

"I want the Creek people to be appreciative of this, as well as the communities in Okmulgee and the surrounding communities because this draws people. They come visit your stores, they check out your customer service; they eat your dinners here and it benefits everybody. It's a win-win," she stated.

Hicks also stated there is interest in bringing back the all-Indian rodeo format but that there is also a need to have the event sanctioned.

"Without the sanctioning, they're out there risking a broken leg, a life or whatever, without any value really going toward their careers," Hicks stated.

After meeting with officials in Las Vegas in November, representatives from the T&R Office discussed the funding for a sanctioned all-Indian event for this year's festival.

"We're working toward getting our own sanc-

tioning and getting our region back, [through] the All-Indian Rodeo Association. This past month we met with the All-Indian National Rodeo Association Commission and it looks like we're going to get our funding to get our sanctioning. Hopefully, within a good time so we can have a sanctioned all-Indian rodeo for 2010," Hicks said.

The 2009 rodeo was chosen based on three main criterion including participation, functionality of the rodeo facilities and the amount of prize money given to contestants, which totaled around \$14,000.00 last year.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival will be held June 24-27, 2010 the Claude Cox Omniplex in Okmulgee, Okla. The rodeo will take place at the Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena and is one of the biggest of the more than 35 events organized by the Office of Tourism & Recreation which operates and maintains the Claude Cox Omniplex and oversees the operation of the annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival.

For more information, please contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992.



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"The Census results not only determine who receives funding and how much, but the data obtained counts for the next ten years," explains Arkeketa. "This Census campaign turn out - good or bad- will be the guideline used to calculate funding for the next decade."

In order to accommodate citizens across the jurisdictional boundaries, there will also be Census offices and Be Counted sites set up throughout the Nation where tribal citizens can fill out their Census forms and find answers to any questions they may have regarding the questionnaire.

The following locations will be available to obtain official Census forms.

- Old Wetumka Hospital (both Census office and Be Counted site)
- Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center (both Census office and Be Counted site)
- Human Development Bldg. (Be Counted site)
- Reintegration Office – Henryetta (Be Counted site)
- Tulsa Community Center (Census Office)
- Glenpool Community Center (Census Office)

as Muscogee Creek Nation (in English with no spaces between words). Variations and other spellings will not be counted in the U.S. Census

Q: Who do I list as living in my household?

A. Everyone. There may be various "households" living under a single roof such as one or more families. Each unit should fill out their own Census form with a tribal member listed as the head-of-household.

Q: Why is it important for me to fill out the Census questionnaire?

A. Census data is used to ensure equal representation for all residents at the federal, state and local levels of government. Census data also affects how more than \$300 billion in federal funds are distributed to tribal,

Be cautious when sharing personal information with Census

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

The first phase of the 2010 U.S.

Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country.

Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S.

Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION. The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.

AND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION. No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by

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"...If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions."

- Susan Johnson, 2010 U.S. Census

Frequently Asked Questions regarding Census 2010

Q: Who should fill out the Census form?

A. A tribal member should fill out the form on behalf of every person living in the home, including relatives and non-relatives.

Q: How do I fill out my tribe's name on the questionnaire?

A: Tribe's name should be written

state and local governments each year. Those funds are used for schools, transportation, public health services and disaster relief agencies.

Q: What if I have questions about filling out the questionnaire?

A. For more information on filling your Census information, contact the Tulsa census office at (918) 887-3420 or visit the Web site at <http://www.census.gov/>

Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

E-mail, so be on the lookout for E-mail scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an E-mail that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more information on Census 2010, please contact the Tulsa census office at (918) 887-3420 or visit the Web site at <http://www.census.gov/>



Letter from MNN Editor:

Hesci readers.

You've probably noticed the MNN is a little different this month. We are trying a new layout which will cut our postage costs and hopefully make for a more cohesive publication.

We welcome your input on the new layout as well as any story ideas, as always. Although the new publication is a bit smaller, it has twice the pages of the MNN Extra Edition, meaning more tribal community news, updates and events.

February is filled to the brim with activities, events and community news so there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Personally, I am looking forward to the second annual Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Symposium coming up Feb. 12-13.

I am hoping to plant my own herb garden this spring so that I can continue cooking with fresh ingredients, which is a bit of a hobby for me. It is great to have MFSI as such a useful tool for our citizens when it comes to food, which is one of my favorite things period.

Due to inclement weather during the last week of January, the State of the Nation Address was rescheduled for 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010 during the Muscogee (Creek) National Council Quarterly Session.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at RLandsberry@muscogeena-tion-nsn.gov



Arrington-McSpadden All Indian Rodeo Association now forming

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) was established in 1975 to give Native American cowboys and cowgirls a place to compete and receive the recognition they deserve. Prior to this, there were several Indian rodeos scattered nation-wide, such as, TYGH Valley, Gallup Ceremonials Fort Hall, Nespelm, Shiprock, Klamath, Tahlequah and Pine Ridge.

In the time between 1975 and present, the INFR has grown in several ways. There is now a national office and a tour rodeo concept in place to qualify for the Finals Rodeo. This has made the Annual Indian National Finals Rodeo a very competitive event and the World Championships even more prestigious. The National Finals are held each year in November at Las Vegas, Nev.

There are no age requirements in Indian rodeos - meaning our kids can compete as early as their parents are willing to allow. This is one reason the associations events are family-oriented. Many Indian associations put on youth-oriented rodeos where the kids have an opportunity to learn how to compete and win before moving to the next level.

In January, 2009, former members of the Region 8 All Indian Association contacted the Indian National Finals Rodeo office in Montana to inquire about our reinstatement to the National Association. At that time we were given the requirements that we need. The biggest requirement was a \$10,000.00 reinstatement fee.

In March, 2009, a meeting was held to discuss how to get started, first we gave ourselves a new name

and elected officers. We became the Arrington McSpadden All Indian Rodeo Association, Region 8. This was a dream of Bob Arrington and Clem McSpadden to once again see the All Indian Rodeo return to Indian Country. Our second goal was to be ready for the 2010 rodeo season that began November 18, 2009. Our third goal is to raise money for our reinstatement fee.

We need \$30,000.00 for our first year, we must have a Tour Rodeo, a Finals Rodeo, five smaller rodeos in our region and 50 members the first year.

Officers had a meeting, with the National Office Board of Directors in Las Vegas, Nevada in November, 2009 to officially ask for reinstatement. We received approval during the last performance of the Finals and our Region 8 will consist of: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Membership dues are as follows: Contestant Tour Membership \$200.00, Personal Membership: \$50.00, Junior Membership: \$40.00

Region 8 Board Members
President: Bradley Fish
Vice President: Clinton Roberts
Secretary: Sheryl Glory-Turner
Treasurer: Martha Calico
Event Director: Mika John Calico

Members: Louis Hicks, Rod Nicholas, Roy Roberts, Yommie Monahwee, Steve Parish, Cherokee Hicks, Joe Hicks and Mindy Fish.

For more information or to join, please call (918) 696-7953. Applications may also be mailed to: INFR, PO Box 508, Browning, MT 59417

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Seeing red in Indian Country

• ‘Go Red For Women’ hopes to impact Native population

Mashell Sourjohn
American Heart Association

OKLAHOMA CITY — Just after my 16th birthday, I suddenly lost my father to heart disease and my grandmother to a stroke — on the same day and only an hour apart from one another. What are the chances? Unfortunately, it turns out our chances are high

my dad and it moves me incredibly to see a young father or mother spending time with their families after surviving a heart attack or stroke because of these new resources. Wilma Mankiller once said, “Knowledge is valuable, and those who fail to pass it along are dooming

Recent studies have reported that both prevalence of heart disease and the percentages of premature death are higher among Native Americans than with any other racial or ethnic group in the United States.

Go Red For Women® is part of the

ans and Alaska Natives.*

- Stroke is the sixth leading cause of death among American Indians and Alaska Natives.*

- American Indians and Alaska Natives die from heart diseases at younger ages than other racial and eth-

“...It is a day to celebrate the beauty of our spirit and bring greater awareness that heart disease has on American Indian women. Please join me on this day to celebrate Wear Red Day in your home, office, tribe, faith organization, family and friends..”

- Mashell Sourjohn, AHA

and likely. As American Indians we are at a greater risk of heart disease than any other ethnic group in the United States. In the early 1970s heart disease and stroke deaths among American Indians were once 21% lower than the national average. Today our risk is 20% higher for heart disease and 14% for stroke than the national average.

My father was a remarkable, hard working, proud Creek and Cherokee man who, because of heart disease sadly did not get the opportunity to meet and know his grandchildren and great-grand children. Because of heart disease, his grandchildren and great-grand children were not granted the opportunity to come to know him and the ways of our tribe through his knowledge, wisdom and his words.

During the time of their passing we did not have the resources we have available today. Because of the American Heart Association and campaigns like the Go Red For Women® movement nutritional and physical guidelines have been created, risk factors have been identified, CPR is widely taught, automatic external defibrillators are accessible in public places, clot busting drugs are readily available and new heart and stroke treatment guidelines are now available to health care professionals.

I missed out on so much time with

others to repeat mistakes.” Today we have an opportunity to teach each other how to prevent heart disease, recognize a heart attack or stroke and how to respond to live longer and healthier lives. Through your voice, your story, and the American Heart Association’s Go Red For Women® campaign together we will make a positive healthy impact on our families and future generations to come.

As for me, I know I am at a greater risk for heart disease and stroke because of my family history. So for myself and my family I choose to “know my numbers,” make healthier food choices and take longer walks. Thank you for walking this journey with me.

Mashell Sourjohn,
(Creek/Cherokee)

Heart disease is the number one killer of American Indians and Alaska Natives women, but research shows that eighty percent of cardiac events in women could be prevented, if women make the right choices for their hearts, such as:

- Changing our eating habits
- Getting regular exercise
- Choosing not to smoke commercial tobacco
- Managing our cholesterol and blood pressure

American Heart Association’s solution to help save women’s lives. With one out of three women still dying from heart disease, we are committed to fighting this No. 1 killer, which is largely preventable. The Go Red For Women® campaign is a premiere source of prevention through awareness and education. It connects millions of women of all ages and ethnicity while providing them tangible resources to turn personal choices into lifesaving actions.

Our Go Red For Women® campaign has a powerful and passionate message and much like our cultural and traditions teaches us that the color “red” represents knowledge and harmony.

Research shows that women who “Go Red” are more likely to make healthy choices. In fact, 96 percent of women who have joined Go Red have taken at least one action toward a healthier lifestyle.

- In the early 1970s heart disease and stroke death rates among American Indians and Alaska Natives were 21% lower than the national average. By the late 1990s heart disease death rates among American Indians and Alaska Natives rose 20% higher than the national average and 14% higher for stroke.*

- Heart Disease is the first leading cause of death among American Indi-

nic groups in the United States. 36% of those who die of heart disease die before age 65.**

- The CDC reports prevalence of heart disease and the percentages of premature death are higher among Native Americans than among any other racial or ethnic group in the United States.

- In 2003, the CDC reported that the prevalence of self-reported obesity among AI/AN people was 23.9%, diabetes was 9.7%, cigarette smoking was 32.2% and physical inactivity was 32.5% which are all risk factors for heart disease and stroke.

- Cardiovascular disease kills approximately 450,000 women each year, which is about one every minute.

- More women die of cardiovascular disease than the next five causes of death combined, including all forms of cancer.

- 64% of women who die suddenly of coronary heart disease have no previous symptoms.

*Indian Health Service

To learn more or join us in helping all Americans, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit americanheart.org or GoRedForWomen.org or call 1-888-MY-HEART.



Free OkMOM dental clinic Feb. 5-6

Media Release
Oklahoma Mission of Mercy

TULSA — The Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM) is a free, two-day dental clinic open to people of all ages and backgrounds. It is specifically designed for people that are uninsured, underinsured, or would otherwise not be able to seek dental care. The clinic will be held Feb. 5-6, 2010 at the Tulsa Convention Center located at 100 Civic Center, in Downtown Tulsa.

- No appointments – First come, first served.
- Approximately 800 people each day will be served.
- Doors open at 5 a.m., each day.
- Fillings, extractions, cleanings, root canals.
- No eligibility or income requirements.
- Adults and children will be served

What time will the clinic doors close? It depends. The clinic will treat approximately 800 patients per day. Once we reach our quota, we will close the doors to any new patients for that day. If 800 people are in line at 5 a.m., we will not open the doors for new patients that day. If 200 people are in line when the doors open, we will continue accepting patients until we reach our capacity.

Do I need insurance/payment? No. This is a completely free event. Because of the generosity of our volunteer dental professionals, we will not be filing insurance or charging patients for services performed.

For more information on the clinic, please visit the Web site: www.okmom.org

Miss Muscogee Scholarship Pageant set for Friday, June 4, 2010



MNN/Mallory Bible

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Miss Muscogee Scholarship Pageant will take place June 4, 2010 as part of the Festival activities this summer.

Media Release

MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Pageant Committee has set the date for the 2010 Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant. The date for the 2010 Scholarship Pageant is set for 7 p.m., Friday, June 4, 2010 at the Henryetta High School Auditorium.

Applications will be available on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Web site at www.muscogeenationnsn.gov, or at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Human Development Building.

This year, the pageant will be comprised of only 2 categories which will include Miss Muscogee Nation (ages 17-22) and Junior Miss Muscogee Nation (ages 14-17). These young ladies are presented

with a unique opportunity to serve as royalty for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and earn scholarships. Eligible applicants may take pride in knowing they were hand-picked to represent the tribe as a "goodwill ambassador," while competing for scholarship.

Applicants must be at least one-fourth Creek and willing to appear at events throughout the year such as the Creek Nation Festival. Depending on the age group, applicants must meet certain judging criteria, which are specified on the application.

For more information on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant, please contact KoKo Lowe at (918) 732-7724 or Virginia Thomas at (918) 732-7839.

2010 American Indian Tribal Energy Internship Applications due March 15

Media Release

Office of Asst. Sec. of Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C., — Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk today announced that the Indian Affairs program to recruit and train American Indian and Alaska Native postsecondary students in the field of energy and natural resources management is accepting applications for twelve internships in its 2010 class. The application deadline is March 15 for an internship period beginning May 25 through August 6.

"Indian Country's young men and women are the future leaders of their tribal nations," said

Echo Hawk, "and as such they will play a critical role in shaping the future of tribal energy development. This internship program is intended to help prepare the next generation of tribal energy and natural resource management professionals."

The Energy Resource Development Tribal Internship Program was started last year by the Indian Affairs Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory. The ANL will provide leadership, educational and networking activities for the interns, who will reside and study on-site at its premier national laboratory located near Chicago, Ill.

"By directly engaging them in the work we do at our facility, this program offers a terrific opportunity for students to learn about science and engineering while gaining valuable employment experience," said ANL Director of Educational Programs Harold Myron.

"Students will be able to take and use these new skills to benefit their own or another tribal community."

Interns will gain hands-on experience working with nationally known scientists in a wide range of research fields including energy resource development, both renewable

and non-renewable, and environmental evaluation and analysis of potential impacts from energy resource development activities.

This year's program also will include two Faculty and Student Teams (FaST). The FaST teams will be comprised of one faculty member and two to three students each. This approach will provide collaboration and hands-on research opportunities in mutually beneficial research areas for faculty members and interns.

The program's purpose is to increase the number of American Indians and Alaska Natives who can effectively manage a tribe's energy and natural resources. It also helps Indian Affairs meet mandates of Title V of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which requires the Secretary of the Interior to provide technical assistance to those Indian tribes seeking to devel-

op their energy resources, establish an Indian energy resource development program and further the goal of Indian self-determination. It also provides an opportunity for American Indians and Alaska Natives to train for careers in the science and engineering professions, two fields where they are underrepresented.

Applications are currently being accepted through a rolling admissions process through the ANL's website at http://www.dep.anl.gov/p_undergrad/TribalInternships. The deadline is March 15, 2010. For more information, contact the ANL Division of Educational Programs at (630) 252-4114.

For more information about IEED programs and services, visit <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/index.htm>.

MCN Youth survey now available on-line

Media Release

MCN Chief's Council on Youth

OKMULGEE — Have you ever wanted to be a part of your Creek Nation community and have your voice heard but weren't sure how?

Well this is your chance!

Creek Nation's Chief's Council on Youth has created a survey designed specifically for youth 6-12 grade to voice opinions and let us know how much you know about programs of-

fered within Creek Nation. To fill out the survey online just go to the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/youthspeakoutsurvey> or call (918) 224-9307 and a staff member will take your survey information over the phone.

To be eligible for the prize drawing, you MUST enter your name and address at the end of the survey.



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OCU Law's Wills Service Project offers legal assistance for Natives

Media Release
OCU Law

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Jodi Marquctte American Indian Wills Clinic at Oklahoma City University School of Law is now accepting clients for estate planning services as of February 1, 2010.

Through this new clinic, OCU Law students working under the supervision of a licensed attorney will provide wills drafting services to American Indians who own an interest in Indian land in Oklahoma. These services will be provided free of charge, thanks to a generous anonymous donation of \$250,000 to further the work of the Native American Legal Resource Center's Wills Services Project, which received its initial funding from the Oklahoma Bar Foundation.

"The Wills Clinic will not only provide a needed service to tribal communities in Oklahoma, it also will provide OCU LAW students the opportunity to learn this complex area of the law while gaining experi-

ence in the practical skills of lawyering," said Casey Ross-Petherick, deputy director of OCU LAW's Native American Legal Resource Center.

The American Indian Wills program first began in January 2009 as part of the NALRC's Native American Internship Program — with \$20,000 in seed funds provided by the Oklahoma Bar Foundation. The program offers practical experience for law students at OCU LAW. Under the supervision of a licensed attorney, students provide needed legal services while receiving instruction and training in client relations, as well as the complex area of American Indian estate planning.

For more information about the clinic, or to apply for services, contact the Native American Legal Resource

Center at OCU LAW at 405-208-5017. For information on Indian land in Oklahoma, contact the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians Beneficiary Call Center at (888) 678-6836.

And Still the Waters Run The Thomas Family Indian Band

George Windes
CMCA Historian

YORBA LINDA, Calif. — Johnson Bailey Thomas & Lillian (Lilly) Freeman were married January 1, 1930, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. They had met while attending Chillico Indian School. They were Muscogee Creek citizens. Lilly was of the Raccoon clan. Her dad's tribal town was Tuskegee.

Both of their lineages are impressive. Johnson's parents were Mack & Sarah Tiger Thomas. Paternal grandparents were William and Emma Perryman Thomas, maternal

grandparents, Wesley & Katie Tiger. Lucinda Karnel was a great grandmother. Lilly's heritage was from the Creek warrior, Red Eagle, through her dad, Theodore Freeman.

Her mother was Roseanna Harjo, a granddaughter of Fus and Wekus Harjo and great granddaughter of Nit Kita & Muscogee.

Johnson & Lilly raised a large family. There had five girls & three boys. Like many Creek families of the time, they followed relatives who made the difficult trek west to California, seeking a better life in the land of milk & honey. They lived in Long Beach and Buena Park, California.

When the Thomas kids were still young, it became apparent they had musical talents, so encouraged by the parent's, they eventually formed a family band, steel guitar based. It was called the Thomas Family Indian Band. All nine family members were involved. Most of the music was instrumental with a religious bend. They would eventually own top-of-the-line steel guitars with the famed Bigsby name, played through a 15" speaker Rickenbacker amp. There is a great old photograph of Johnson Thomas in cyberspace, playing a double neck Bigsby standard guitar, the top neck being that of a mandolin.

The oldest son, Mack, was an ac-



Photo courtesy of George Windes

Pictured above is the Thomas Family Band bus with Johnson Thomas and his sons.

knowledgeable talent in his own right. He took lessons from Sol Hoopii and was one of his star pupils. Hoopii was one of the famous original Hawaiian steel guitarists who recorded on Decca & Brunswick record labels, songs like Hula Girls & King Kamehameha, from 1933 to 1938. Sol partially gave up his career to join the evangelist, Aimee Semple McPherson, of Angelus Temple. Mack P. Thomas is listed in the Dakota Music Hall of Fame for his talent as a steel guitarist.

The Thomas's traveled across America playing for Native American churches and in a multitude of other venues. Among their credits, acclaimed performances at the New York and Seattle World's Fairs and appearances on the Ed Sullivan Show and at Carnegie Hall. They would produce a number of records, which are prized today, if you can locate them. The last time I find an album up for sale was in 2005. My grandmother treasured hers.

The parents also believed strongly in education. Most of the children actively sought and gained professional degrees. Daughter Muscogee (Kogee) holds a doctorate and has been active in California education

for decades, much of it Native-based. Virginia is now the head of the Johnson O'Mally Program, both nationally and for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Okmulgee. La Vonna King is an accomplished artist in California, a long time employee for Disney, whose tribal art is gaining much recognition. Johnson (John) is still utilizing his musical talents. His family band provided the music for the annual California Muscogee Creek gathering in 2008. John currently performs with the popular O.C. band, Shoot4Tuesday.

Johnson & Lilly are playing music for a higher choir now, as are four of the offspring, Katie, Mack, Riley and Ramona. The family sought to provide a good example for Native families everywhere. They more than succeeded, in community service, in church and in our Muscogee Nation.

Windes has been an active member of the California Muscogee Creek Association for nearly a decade and is currently serving on the Board as historian. He may be reached at: georgewindes@gmail.com.



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:)

C.S.; DOB: 09-11-06)
A.S.; DOB: 04-08-08)

Alleged Deprived Child)

JUVENILE SUMMONS

THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: Juan Salgado
Unknown
Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above-named children are deprived children and that, as the parent of said child(ren), you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 9th day of March, 2010 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. for an **Adjudication Hearing** and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

Issued this 4 day of December, 2009.

Native scholarship opportunities 2010

Media Releases
Native scholarships

St. Gregory's University

SHAWNEE, — St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, Okla., has announced a new scholarship opportunity for Native Americans. SGU, Oklahoma's oldest institution for higher learning, is offering up to \$6,500 per year for qualifying Native American students through the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Tribal Scholarship. Applications for the new scholarship are available now, and funds will be awarded beginning in the fall semester.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Native Americans in Oklahoma and beyond to take part in the quality educational experience that St. Gregory's provides," said SGU Provost Richard Ludwick, J.D., D.Ed. "This scholarship, in particular, holds special meaning because of the relationship SGU has had with the Native American community throughout its 135-year history."

St. Gregory's was established in 1875 when Benedictine monks came to Indian Territory at the request of Native Americans to minister and teach, as there was no resident clergy in the area. The institution continues to embrace its legacy of service to the Native American community. SGU students currently have the opportunity to participate in the university's Native American Study Group (NASG), which sponsors Native American speakers, annual flute circle events and other expressions of Native American culture and heritage. SGU also recently hosted summer educational programs for the Native American community.

For more information about SGU's new scholarship opportunity

for Native American students, contact its financial aid department at 1-888-784-7347. Information about SGU can also be found on the Web at www.stgregorys.edu.

Walkingshield offering scholarships to 340 California-bound students

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., — Walking Shield, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Lake Forest, California will offer 34 scholarships for the 2010 school year to American Indian high school students living in Southern California. The scholarships will range from \$500.00 to \$2500.00 per student, and provide high school graduates with a 2.0 grade point average and above the chance to receive financial support for their college education.

The scholarships are made possible through a grant to Walking Shield from College Access Foundation of California. Application deadline is March 31, 2010. To apply please contact Walking Shield, Inc., at education.walkingshield@gmail.com or call (949) 639 0472 for further information. Scholarship recipients will be selected by April 30, 2010.

Dr. John Castillo, Executive Director for Walking Shield, said "this is a unique opportunity for our local Indian community members to better afford a higher education."

Walking Shield, Inc., has been providing a variety of services and programs both locally and on reservations across the United States since 1986.

Information on College Access Foundation of California can be found at www.collegeaccessfoundation.org.

Social Services now offering LIHEAP

Media Release
MCN Social Services

OKMULGEE — LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is available for low-income families residing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation service boundaries.

New participants may apply beginning January 11, 2010. We will continue to take applications through March 31, 2010, or until the funds are exhausted.

To apply for services, please choose one of the following options:

Applicants may choose to apply:

1) IN PERSON - No appointment is necessary and clients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Office hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. We are located at 2971 N. Wood Drive, just north of Housing.

2) BY MAIL – Please mail

all documents to: MCN Social Services, Attn: LIHEAP, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not mail your cards or original documents.

3) BY FAX – Please fax all documents to 918-759-9988 and include a cover sheet addressed to LIHEAP.

4) IN YOUR COMMUNITY – Please contact our office to find out when we will be visiting your community.

Those who wish to apply should provide:

1) Tribal enrollment cards and Social Security cards for everyone in the household

2) Driver's License for those without a tribal enrollment card

3) Gas bill OR Propane vendor OR Wood vendor (Electric bill only if you are total electric. You may be asked to verify this.)

4) Copies of all income sources

5) Phone number (in case we need to contact you)

6) Authorization for Social Services to sign the application (if mailing or faxing)

7) Non-Duplication statement: Statement detailing any assistance received in the past 12 months from any federal, state, tribe, community, and/or church agency or the like with utilities and/or deposits.

8) Additional documentation may be required based on your individual situation.

Applicants should keep paying their bill until they receive an approval letter. Please allow at least 45 days for processing.

Please contact Social Services at 918-759-2334 if you need additional information. The toll-free number is 1-800-482-1979 ext. 7995.

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Young Creek for State Rep

• Hecox announces his candidacy in District 44

Angel Ellis
MNN Editorial Assistant

NORMAN — “It is with great enthusiasm today that I announce my candidacy for the Democratic Nomination in the Hecox family for years. His

ly go anywhere in Norman without someone telling me about the impact that one of my parents had on their life.

“...A common theme that I notice when I talk to people about the government is that no one believes the government is working for them... This is not right”

- Matt Hecox, District 44 Candidate

nation for State House of Representatives District 44 in Norman, Oklahoma,” said Hecox.

Hecox was born and raised in Norman, Oklahoma and graduated Norman High School and will graduate from the University of Oklahoma in May 2010 with a bachelor's degree in History. He is a member of Journey Church and a proud

mother was a teacher at Kennedy Elementary School for 15 years and his father was a teacher and coach at Irving and Alcott Middle School for over 26 years.

“Since I was a little boy, I have seen the lives that my parents have impacted, whether it was a student or one of my father's numerous athletes. I can hard-

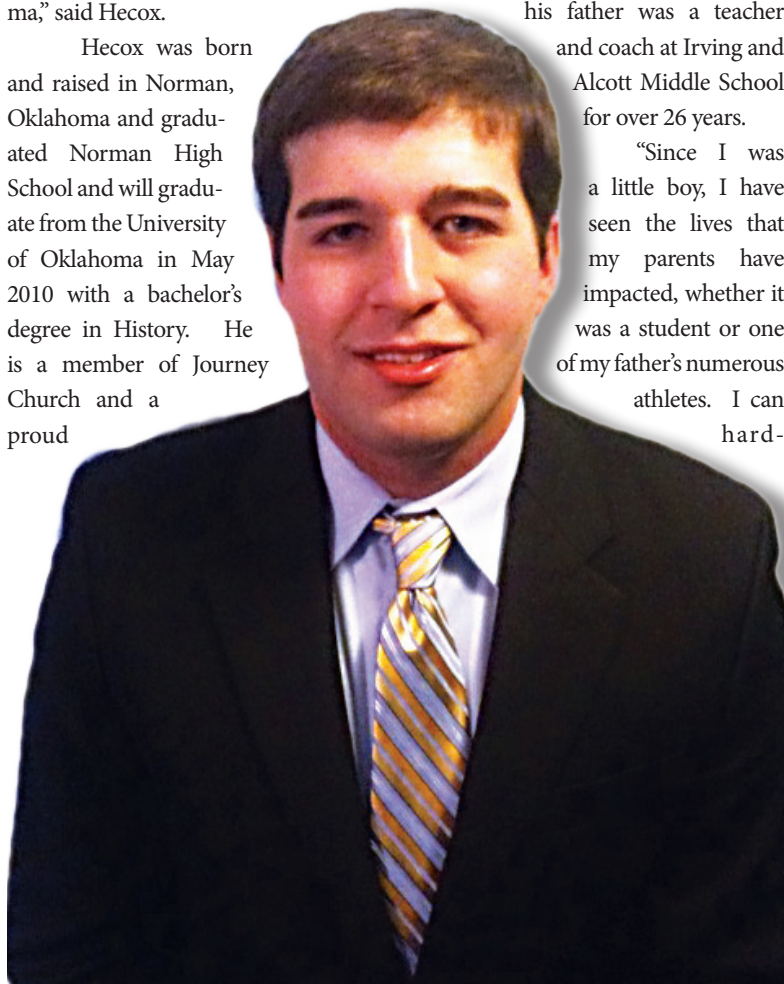
It was through these experiences that I knew I too wanted to make a difference in the lives of people as both of my parents did,” explained Hecox.

He continued, “A common theme that I notice when I talk to people about the government is that no one believes the government is actually doing what is right for the people, but only what benefits a political party or special interest group. This is not right. If elected, I will always do what is right for the people of Oklahoma and not a political party or special interest group.”

“John F. Kennedy once said, “We must not seek the republican answer or the democrat answer, but we must seek the right answer.” I promise that I will always ask four questions before I vote on a bill.” Hecox said.

Among those questions are: Who is the bill going to benefit? Why is this bill going to benefit the people of Oklahoma? How is this bill going to benefit the people of Oklahoma? When is this bill going to benefit the people of Oklahoma? I will never vote yes for a bill that will not benefit the people of Oklahoma in a positive way.

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Food Sovereignty Symposium set for Feb. 12-13

Angel Ellis
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE — Mvskoke Food Sovereignty has been making preparations for the 2nd Annual Food Sovereignty Symposium. The event will take place on February 12-13, 2010 in Okmulgee at the MCN tribal complex.

This year's theme is “Porwvn, Hompetvn, Pom Vhesaketv Tos: Our Seeds, Our Food, Our Survival.”

The main events will be taking place in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound Building on both days from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and will include informative organic food growing techniques.

This year's events have also expanded into an all-inclusive Native Youth Gathering, which will include workshops and Native youth leaders from across the country.

The youth tract will take place primarily in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Authority where highlights will include an open mic night on Feb. 12 and a live Native hip hop concert Feb. 13.

The symposium will include tribal and grassroots leaders and experts on organic agriculture and is free and open to the public.

For more information contact the MFSI offices at (918) 756-5915.



MCN SWAT now taking orders for Valentine cards

Angel Ellis
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKEMAH — The MCN Students Working Against Tobacco program is taking orders for True Valentine Cards.

True Valentine Cards are a way the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tobacco Prevention Program SWAT have exposed commercial tobacco lies and raised money to support them as they work hard educating Native American communities and youth about the harmful effects of commercial tobacco and the spiritual meaning of traditional tobacco.

The cards are postcard size, (5"x4") and come with a bag of

candy for just \$1 each. There are several styles to choose from and cards come with commercial tobacco facts on the backside.

To place an order, contact Amy Yargee at (405) 380-7213. True Valentine cards are also available for pick up at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tobacco Prevention Office, which is located at 121 W. Broadway in Okemah.

Order forms can also be submitted to mcnswat@yahoo.com before Feb. 5, 2010. Please be sure to include name, location for delivery and contact person with each order. All payments are due upon delivery.

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Oklahoma Memories



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Creek writes his way into the books



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Obituary: Josephine



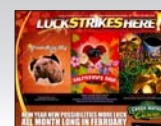
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Birth Announcement: Ileyanna Harjo



B8

Luck Strikes Here Muscogee Casino



MUSEUMUPDATES

Creek literature class offered

Media Release

Creek Council House Museum

OKMULGEE — Do you want to broaden your horizons on the wealth and depth of Creek Literature? What is the body of work that comprises Creek Literature anyway? How does the literature inform the actual or perceived worldview of the Muscogee people? Where can this lead us?

If you want to explore these and other interesting questions and you have a need to expand your knowledge base of Creek writers, then this class is for you.

A Creek Literature and Language Class will again be taught at OSU-Okmulgee campus sponsored by Emory University of Atlanta Georgia and the Creek Council House Museum. The class will be on Mondays beginning on Jan. 25 from 3-6 p.m., CST during the spring 2010 semester. Distance learning utilizing interactive internet TV at the OSU-Okmulgee campus is the method of delivery for this class so that students at Emory can attend the class in Atlanta and Oklahomans can attend the class in Okmulgee.

This class is a collaboration between the Creek Council House Museum, Emory University and the IT Dept., of OSU-Okmulgee.

Craig Womack, Creek citizen and former professor at the University of Oklahoma, will teach the class along with Creek citizens Ted Isham and Rosemary McCombs Maxey. Womack is now a professor in the English department at Emory University in Atlanta Georgia. Isham and Maxey are Creek language instructors at OSU.

Craig Womack has taught classes on Creek Literature while at OU, but this represents his ongoing efforts to teach classes on Creek writings from our homelands. This brings out the intriguing and monumental aspect of this class, that of our homelands

once again playing host to the culture and language that is indigenous to the area, the Mvskokvlke. This class can also be the bridge between the two areas of Creek people, those who were left behind and those who were forced to leave. The class is part of newly formed efforts, within the Southeastern United States that Emory University has embraced, to re-discover the aboriginal inhabitants and civilizations. The course provides Oklahoma Creeks an opportunity to meet people from the southeast interested in Creek history, language and culture.

The class will be giving basic language instruction to help with the discussion of the various language and cultural aspects of various authors.

The course will especially emphasize the stories of Earnest Gouge and the writings of G.W. Grayson. An important aspect of the class will be visits from Oklahoma Creek community leaders, so they can instruct and interact with the students in Atlanta.

The differences between the oral tradition and the written form will be discussed as topics of various genres. Storytelling, oratory, songs and religious texts are some of the other forms looked at.

Once again, the schedule for this spring semester of 2010 will be Mondays from 3pm until 6pm beginning on Mon. January 25th. The community is invited to attend these classes. We will be meeting in room 226 of the Reynolds Technology building on the Okmulgee campus.

There will be no cost to attend, but for continuity sake, please come prepared to discuss the topic at hand according to the syllabus schedule. For more information or a copy of the syllabus, please contact Ted Isham at the Creek Council House Museum at (918) 756-2324 or by e-mail at curator@sbcglobal.net.

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CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Food Distribution offices closed Feb. 25-26

OKMULGEE — Due to the addition of the New MCN Food Distribution Center in Wetumka opening on Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, both centers in Okmulgee and Wetumka will be closed on the last two working days of each month for inventory and restocking purposes.

Office hours for the Wetumka center will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with store hours from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., on the same days. The center will be closed from noon to 1 p.m., each day for lunch. For more information on the Wetumka center, please call (405) 452-1160.

Office hours for the Okmulgee center will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5p.m., with store hours from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., on the same days. The center will remain open daily during lunch. For more information on the Okmulgee center, please call (918) 756-3467.

CASA hosts free volunteer training

OKMULGEE — If you have ever wanted to become a court appointed special advocate, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation CASA program is hosting a free volunteer training during the month of February.

Participants will have the opportunity to speak up for a child in the MCN District Court with Judge Patrick Moore.

The training sessions will be held each Tuesday and Thursday during the month of February from noon to 1 p.m., at the MCN Child Development Training Room.

For more information, please contact Kim Deer at the CASA offices at (918) 224-6492.

Tulsa Indian Arts Festival set for Feb. 12-14

TULSA — Tulsa is fortunate to host approximately 75 nationally recognized painters, potters, bead workers and cultural designers who will gather in the heart of Indian Country at Spirit Bank Event Center (105th &

S. Memorial Drive, Tulsa, OK) to celebrate the 24th annual Tulsa Indian Art Festival which honors the Spirit of the American Indian. This Spirit manifests through the art, dance, music, and storytelling of a culture which traditionally embraces the earth and its many resources. Art demonstrations will be held at designated times for those desiring a more intense experience.

Cherokee-Creek artist, Mel Cornshucker, has been selected as the 2010 Featured Artist. Mel's oven-safe, contemporary pottery incorporates modern techniques with traditional designs. Exhibition dancing will be performed at intervals through the event. Will Hill and Jehnean Washington of Mahenwahdose Productions will entertain with vignettes of American Indian stories. The Native American Caucus of the Oklahoma Legislature will be the honored guests.

For more information, call (918) 298-2300, visit the Web site: www.tulsaindianartfestival.com or e-mail: info@tulsaindianartfestival.com.

Community Executive Board Training set for Feb. 20

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Research & Development Dept., is hosting a workshop Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m.- 1p.m. All Board Officers from every chartered community are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will cover the roles and responsibilities for each officer on their board as well as some basic accounting policies and procedures.

Also, the MCN Code Annotated book will be available in Feb., and distributed at this workshop, which will be held at the Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center located at 2975 E. Martha Berryhill Ave., in Okmulgee.

Brunch will be served. For more information, please contact Community Research and Development at (918) 732-7963.

Letters to the Editor

Runnin' on Indian Time... Telephones for the Elderly

OKMULGEE — Since we at the Elderly Housing are still waiting for our telephones, there is now talk among my Elderly colleagues that we may have to resort to some of the old Indian ways of communicating.

One of the old ways was to carry your message by runners, but none here at the Housing can run like they use to...so that's out.

Another was to attach a message to a pigeon's leg and the message would be flown to whoever you wanted to communicate with. But nobody here has any pigeons and besides it would cost money to feed those birds.

There's the drum method, but that has its downside. If we go that route, it wouldn't be long before the neighbors would be complaining and before you know it, the Lighthorse Police would be banging on our doors, telling us to knock it off.

Then there's the smoke signal method, but that has a lot of short comings. For instance, you can only use it during the daylight hours and if the wind is blowing you can forget about it. You also would need a lot of wood and with wood selling at \$90 a rick, it would be hard on those living on fixed income. And remember the fire law; you can't start a fire during the dry season.

So where does that leave us? Well I'll tell you... It leaves us at the mercy of those individuals who are entrusted to complete this job and that's scary.

Bob Hicks,
MCN Elderly Housing resident

Birthdays, Births & Special Announcements!

Birthday:

Roll Number: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Theme of the party: _____

Parents: _____

Siblings: _____

Maternal and Paternal grandparents: _____

Maternal and Paternal great grandparents: _____

School: _____

Clan: _____

Tribal Town: _____



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Announcements:

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Oklahoma Memories

Billie Jane McIntosh
Muscogee (Creek) Author

DENVER — We lived in Lawton while Daddy was stationed at Ft. Sill, 1934 to 1940. When Daddy got vacation time each summer, he (Bill McIntosh) and Mother (former Lillie Kilgore) piled we four kids into the sedan and we took off for visits to the relatives in eastern Oklahoma and on to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where Mother's family lived. I was the oldest, closely followed by sister Diana, then Barbara Ann, and finally our brother Pat; all of us born within a six year period. These summer trips are some of the happiest of my childhood memories. Car travel was especially great fun and food always seemed to have a place for me. I loved when we stopped at a camp ground and Mother put together white loaf bread slices and bologna into sandwiches; something deliciously strange as we never ate this way at home where Mother prided herself on her home cooked meals.

Our first stops were in either Council Hill, or Wainwright, or Okmulgee. Aunt Cora Harrison lived in a fine farm house and had servants who served up huge dinners, but she had no children until she adopted a little girl, Patsy, who was shy and so I never got to know her. Aunt Lucy and Uncle Horn lived nearby and their daughter Frances was always away at school so I didn't know her, either, until later when we both lived in Tempe, Arizona. Acee Blue Eagle, the artist, was the son of Uncle Solomon, but he was already in college, so never was a playmate for me. Only at Uncle New-

man's was there real fun for us kids.

At Okmulgee, we visited Uncle Newman, Aunt Annie (formerly Kernals) and their six children: Tandy, Martha, Solomon, Sam, Bill, and Lucy. All their children were older, but Lucy was only one year older than I, and she proved a good playmate for me and my siblings. This was our favorite stop in Oklahoma: a simple cottage house with meager furnishings but full of love and happiness. Lots of laughing went on in this house. Aunt Annie always served up hot drinks made of dry crushed corn, called sofki. This favorite Creek Indian drink was usually on hand for any guest who happened by; and was served with hot or cold.

Uncle Newman was the Rev. Newman McIntosh, pastor of the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church. His grandfather was Rev. John McIntosh who was renowned as the first Baptist missionary to the wild tribes of western Oklahoma in early years when the land was still known as Indian Territory. And Rev. John McIntosh was the son of Rev. Chilly McIntosh, a Baptist preacher later in life, after a lifetime of public service for the Muscogee (Creek) Tribe. Chilly at age 26 had brought the first 735 Creek natives to Oklahoma from Georgia in 1828. So Uncle Newman just naturally fell in line for Baptist leadership.

Uncle Newman's youngest child was called Little Lucy, probably because she was named after her Aunt Lucy. One day I went with Little Lucy to visit her school and our lunch hour

proved quite memorable to me. We had each brought sack lunches prepared by our mothers.

Lovingly wrapped in wax paper, my sandwich was two slices of white loaf bread with a slice of bologna inside. I was shocked when I looked over to see Little Lucy take a large bisquit out of her sack. I had no idea that anyone ever made a sandwich out of anything but white loaf bread. I watched as she took a bite and then I saw the meat inside the bisquit was a beef steak. I turned to eat my own bologna sandwich and in my ignorant innocence, felt superior. I was supposing that her family didn't have money to go buy bologna and so Little Lucy had to take the left overs in her school lunch. Now I know better. I know who had the better lunch and would gladly trade lunches with Little Lucy today.

After 1940 and my parents divorce, Mother took we kids first to her former home in Arkansas and then with her new husband to Arizona. I lost contact with Uncle Newman's family, but looking in the Rev. John McIntosh family tree, I see that Little Lucy married Burham LaSarge had six children: Butch, Brenda Lee, Rebecca, Charley, Tommy, and Danny. I am sorry I have not met any of them.

But in the new Muscogee (Creek) Calendar, for the March page, I see my Uncle Newman among a group of men of the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church. In the group, Uncle Newman is on the back row, far right. What a thrill I got to see him once again. The old photo was from Ben LaSarge, who I am assuming is a grandson of my old playmate, Little Lucy.

Submitted by Billie Jane McIntosh, Author of *From Georgia Tragedy to Oklahoma Frontier, A Biography of Scots Creek Indian Chief Chilly McIntosh* published November 2008 by American History Imprints.

State

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Educations, infrastructure, energy, and the state budget are some of the numerous issues facing Oklahoma which concern Hecox.

"Education will be my number one priority if I am elected to the States House of Representatives. I will always support legislation that will help Oklahoma get and keep the best teachers for our students," Hecox said.

He explained that he felt the future of Oklahoma depended on education and the citizens needed the best possible education which would prepare them to go to college.

Hecox is concerned that without proper funding, Oklahoma and the agencies which provide services to our citizens cannot properly function and meet citizens expectations. "I will work to make sure that our state budget is always fully funded and work hard to find solutions to our state budget short fall," said Hecox.

Infrastructure is another crucial issue to Hecox.

"I believe we must continue to expand our highways throughout Oklahoma to accommodate the growing number of people that use them on a daily basis. I also believe it is time Oklahoma to start building a high-speed rails as an alternative transportation method to connect cities in Oklahoma," said Hecox.

With the understanding that energy will always be important to the economy in Oklahoma, Hecox explained, "I will support the increased use of natural gas as the fuel of the future. I believe we must continue to develop our Wind farms because of the numerous benefits they will provide Oklahoma in the present, near, and long term future."

Hecox conveyed a desire to see his hometown of Norman continue to prosper and grow. His ambition is

to see Norman remain a great place for future families to make their homes and maintain that small town feeling. His fond memories of growing up in Norman, playing sports through the optimist club, attending school, and events have inspired him to preserve that experience for every child.

"I know the odds are against me in winning this election because of my age, but I do believe I am the right person to represent the people of District 44 and Norman in the state house. I will always listen to the people. Times are changing, and I believe it is time for a new generation of leadership to emerge in Oklahoma," explained Hecox.

It is important to Hecox to stay in touch with the people he wishes to represent. He urges anyone who wants to learn more about his campaign to contact him. The seat being sought after by Matt Hecox is currently held by state Representative Bill Nations, D-Norman. Term limits prevent Nations from running again.

Hecox spoke about growing up and seeing his parents make a positive impact on peoples lives. He said he wants to make a difference in the lives of people much like his parents have.

He continued with "Bobby Kennedy once said, 'Some see things the way they are and say why? I dream of things that have never happened and say why not?'" I agree with this completely, I will always encourage people to dream because every dream is possible. I look forward to the campaign ahead and I hope I can have your support!"

Those who are interested in becoming active in the Matt Hecox for State Representative Campaign may send correspondences to Matt Hecox for State House 2010, 1625 Homeland, Norman, OK 73072. Hecox is actively seeking input from supporters and donations for his campaign efforts.

Creek writes his way into the books

Gerald Wofford

MCN Communications Manager

DENVER, Colo., — It's always great when a local Creek boy makes good. Eddie Chuculate is one of those stories. Chuculate grew up in Muscogee and just like anyone, wasn't sure what he wanted to do, but even as a little kid, his future may have been carved out already.

"I wrote my first story when I was six or seven years old," says Chuculate, "about the hillbilly who formerly graced the returnable bottles of Moun-

Cummings, who was also Muscogee (Creek) and needed help gathering scores and statistics from area games.

It is interesting to note that Cummings would later serve as the Manager of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications Department, too.

Cummings liked Chuculate's work ethic and asked if he would be interested in helping now that he had graduated from High School. Chuculate admitted he was a little intimi-

passengers cares that his son has died of pneumonia, so at the end of the shift he goes home to his shack and talks in earnest to his German shepherd. A surefire winner. But not only did the story not win, it didn't get so much as an honorable mention." After the ceremony Chuculate sought out the winner and asked him about his story and how he was able to create it. This only motivated Chuculate to learn more about the art of writing, and what he needed

would even travel abroad for a while. It was at this time in his life that he felt the importance of other cultures and how it influenced his writing.

After he made his way back to America, Chuculate had not yet had any work published, but continued to write and even begin to have his work published in various publications. The publications included stories in Weber Studies, Many and Mountains Moving. Chuculate's story entitled

the fall entitled "Cheyenne Madonna" from Black Sparrow Books and David R. Godine publishing. Chuculate hasn't totally forgotten his journalist roots though, currently he is the copy editor at the Denver Post.

With all his writing success, Chuculate knows it takes a commitment to be a good writer.

"I wish I was disciplined enough to write every day, or to write regularly in a journal," says the Creek writer, "but

"...I've often pondered what made me take pencil to paper on that occasion, or what makes anyone take pen to paper for that matter."

- Eddie Chuculate, Creek writer

tain Dew soda. 'Mountain Dew the Hillbilly,' I called it. He ran away from home, his family searched for him and found him (hiding in a tree), and they lived happily ever after. My grandmother saved this story, about four pages long, front and back, on notebook paper. It's in my mom's picture box at home. I've often pondered what made me take pencil to paper on that occasion, or what makes anyone take pen to paper for that matter."

That wondering would help Chuculate in preparing his life's choices as he grew older.

While at Muscogee High School, Chuculate played sports and became involved in different groups and organizations but one day his football coach asked all the players on his team if anyone was interested in helping a local sports writer as an intern for the *Muscogee Phoenix*.

The coach knew that Chuculate had been interested in writing by noticing some of the English classes that he had taken.

Chuculate thought about it for a while and thought that it would be interesting to do and agreed to the internship. The sportswriter that Chuculate would work for would be Tommy

dated at first because he felt "what did he know" about what would all be involved, but he decided to take on the challenge anyway.

As he began to become acquainted with the overall duties of obtaining sports information and even help in writing stories, Chuculate liked what writing was actually all about and even seemed to have a knack for it.

Soon, he was writing stories for Cummings and the Muscogee Phoenix, so Chuculate enrolled at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah to pursue a degree in journalism.

Writing was now a full time influence, even encouraging him to enter a local writing contest. "As a freshman in college, I entered a short-story contest staged by the public library in Tahlequah," remembers Chuculate. "I had begun reading Anton Chekov and was particularly struck by a story, 'The Lament,' (sometimes translated 'Misery,') in which a bedraggled, luckless carriage driver is so overcome by heartache and loneliness he begins earnest conversations with his horse. By this time I had a year or two of experience writing sports stories... I simply turned the carriage driver into a cabbie driving a beat-up car in Muscogee. None of his

to do become better at it. After college Chuculate would eventually land a job as the sports writer for the *Okmulgee Daily Times* and become even more inventive with his writing.

"I've always liked covering sports," says Chuculate, "but I also wanted to do more with writing and also I wanted to look into some other fields as well." Chuculate did sportswriting for the next nine years, eventually wanting to pursue other interests as well like Museum Studies, Chuculate would apply to the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe. Chuculate was still taking writing classes and when one of the members of the faculty read a short story of his, they encouraged him to stay in writing, even suggesting he change his major to strictly writing. The decision would pay off as Chuculate found a new inspiration and after he finished at the Institute, Chuculate would even attend Stanford University completing a Wallace Stegner Fellowship in Creative Writing.

With a degree in hand and budding writing career, Chuculate still wanted to see the world. He felt a writer still needed to experience different worlds to be able to properly express his own. He, along with some friends,

'Ploughshares' was also featured in The Iowa Review, Manoa, and Blue Mesa Review. Another story "Galveston Bay, 1826" tells of four Cheyenne Indians' cataclysmic journey to the Gulf of Mexico, encountering the ocean for the first time. This piece would be Chuculate's breakthrough work as he was awarded the O. Henry Prize story in 2007, a prestigious award among writers. The book was published by Anchor Books.

Chuculate continues writing and will have a book of short stories out in

when I am working on a story, I carry a notebook around with me, ready to use anything I see or hear... if I have a character walking at night, and I read a passage in another story that describes the stars, or clouds, or moon in a way that strikes me, I'll use that for inspiration. I'll have a pad by my bedside and write things down in the middle of the night. But even though I may not be sitting down to a certain story every night, I'm constantly turning it over in my mind, running through scenarios and rejecting possibilities," he said.



WILLIAM BARNETT

OKLAHOMA CITY — William Barnett was born March 14, 1935 in Bristow, Okla., to James and Lizzie (Starr) Barnett. He passed away Nov. 27, 2009 in Oklahoma City at the age of 74 years eight months and 13 days.

William served his country in the United States Marine Corp., during the Korean War. Since 1989, William has resided in Hugo, Oklahoma moving there from Bristow.

On March 14, 1988, William united in marriage with Melba Sue Crain in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. William was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Hugo. He enjoyed traveling, camping, painting, fishing, and most of all spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Melba Sue Barnett of their Hugo home; four daughters, Carol Ann Proctor and her husband, Leon, of Bristow, Wilma Sue Barnett of Tahlequah, Anora Barnett and her husband, Aaron Plumlee of Okmulgee, and Calett Morris and her husband, Clifton, of Hugo; one son, Calvin Barnett of Bristow; three step-children, Donette Lay of Sapulpa, Kevin Housley of Bristow, and Don Wayne Housley of Sapulpa; one sister, Lydia Taryole of Bristow; one brother, Edward Barnett of Henryetta; one brother-in-law, Arnold Crain and his wife, Betty, of Hugo; one sister-in-law, Marie Guin of Hugo; 16 grandchildren including Tisha Barnett, Leann Cherry, and Brooklyn Barnett all of Bristow, Taryn and Tamara Morris of Hugo; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Pauline Barnett;

his second wife, Patsy Barnett; three sons, Terry Barnett, Curtis Lee Barnett, and Jerry Wayne Barnett; two brothers, Joseph Barnett and Jacob Barnett; one sister, Norma Jean Waggoner.

Funeral services will be 2pm, Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at Hutchins-Mables Funeral Home Chapel in Bristow with Reverend Truett Johns and Brother Clifton Morris officiating. Interment will follow in the Barnett Family Cemetery in Depew, Okla.

JACOB BARNETT

DEPEW — Jacob "Jake" Barnett was born Dec. 21, 1928 in Weleetka, Okla., to James Barnett and Lizzie Starr. He passed away September 9, 2009 at his home in Depew at the age of 80 years.

He was united in marriage to Lodie Tiger in 1953. He lived in Bristow and Depew most of his life. Jake served in the Army where he worked with the Military Police; he served in Germany through the Korean War.

He was a commercial driver for food distributors in Sapulpa where he retired. His favorite pastime was to watch his sons and nephews play fast pitch softball. If he wasn't at the softball field, he liked to go to garage sales. He enjoyed picking on his buddies as well as family members who would let him.

He is survived by three sons, Jack Rowe of Sapulpa, Jacob Barnett Jr. of Okmulgee, and Raymond Barnett of Bristow; three daughters, Mary Bailey, Ramona Davis, and Patty Barnett all of Depew; 17 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Edward Barnett of Henryetta and William Bar-

nett of Hugo; one sister, Lydia Taryole of Bristow; nephews, nieces, and plenty of friends who will miss him. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Lizzie (Star) Barnett; wife, Lodie Barnett also known as Dotta; one daughter, Hattie Sue Barnett; one son, Steven William Barnett; one Step-daughter, Juanita Rowe; two step-sons, Frank Rowe and Calarney Rowe; one brother, Joe Barnett; one sister, Norma Waggoner; and one grandson, Jason Wayne Nunley.

Wake services were held at Springfield Baptist Church in Okemah, Okla. Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009 at Springfield Methodist Church with interment following at the Barnett Family Cemetery in Depew, Okla.

JESSIE WIND, JR.

OKEMAH — Jessie Arie Wind Jr. entered into eternity on October 16, 2005. Jessie was born in Okemah, Oklahoma on May 17, 1929 to Jessie Arie and Lillie (Squarrel) Wind.

Baptized May 27, 1945 by Rev. Bennie Wind, member of High Spring Baptist Church, Okemah, he later attended church at Bowen Indian Baptist of Tulsa, OK and All Nations Church of Tulsa, OK.

Jessie had several names; Jr. June, Jun-Bug and he was notorious for giving nicknames if he was around long enough.

June was a member of the Native American Collation of Tulsa, Okla, where he volunteered several years. He was very dedicated and enjoyed spending his time volunteering with the Cul-

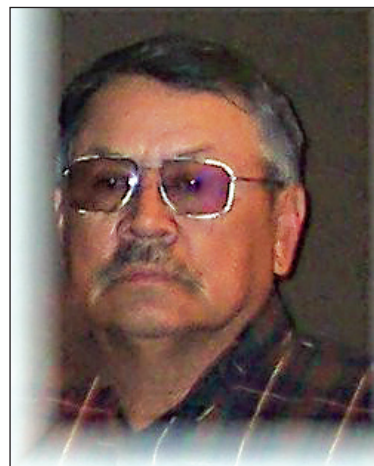
tural Elder's Group and their activities.

In his younger years he spent a lot of time working on friends, neighbors and relatives automobiles. A trade he had and enjoyed so much that he forced his boys to learn to enjoy it too. He was a multitasking man.

He is survived by six sons & three daughters; Grover & Melanie Wind of Morris, OK, Jesse & Martha Wind of Cromwell, OK, Jerry (J.D.) & Gayle Wind, of Luther & Cromwell, OK, Richard & Sheila Wind of Wewoka, OK, Timothy Wind of Cromwell, OK, Thomas & Sharon Wind of Glendale AZ, Ruth & Thomas Buie, of Fort Smith, AR., Janine & Sam Bender, of Cromwell, OK, & Millie Reyna Wind of Wetumka, OK, 36 Grandchildren, 64 Great-grandchildren, one Great-great-Grandchild; one brother, Daniel Wind Sr., of Okemah, OK, and a host of relatives and friends.

Jessie is preceded in death by his parents, Jessie & Lillie, wife Mable Wind, one Brother, William Stanley Wind Sr., sister Ethel (Wind) Bunner, two grandsons, Cody Wayne Wind and Jason Blanton.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010, at 10 a.m., at High Spring Church Cemetery, in Okemah with Revs. George Doyle and Daniel Wind officiating. Internment followed at High Spring Church Cemetery in Okemah.

HARVEY GILROY

HENRYETTA — Harvey Timmie "Al" Gilroy, Sr., longtime resident of Henryetta, was born August 10, 1942

in Wilson, Okla., to Clemon Joseph Gilroy and Hepsey Randall Gilroy. Harvey passed away, Thursday, January 14, 2010 in Tulsa at the age of 67.

Harvey worked for many years in the construction business and was a member of Randall Indian Baptist Church.

Harvey was a former member of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and a member of the Okmulgee County Cattlemen's Association.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clemon and Hepsey Gilroy and his first wife Ramona Durbin Gilroy.

He is survived by four children:

Harvey Timmie Gilroy, Jr. of Okmulgee; Joseph Gilroy & wife Lisa of Morris; Michael Gilroy, Sr. & wife Deana of Henryetta; Melanie Hogan & husband Pete of Morris; Grandchildren: Trevor Gilroy & Kristin Gilroy of Morris; Kennedie Gilroy of Broken Arrow

Michael Shannon Gilroy, Jr., Cody Lane, Colby Sha Gilroy, Blane Lawson, Alan Farrow, Roper Farrow, Page Pense, & Brooklyn Hogan; 1 brother: Charles Joseph Gilroy & wife Arleta Ann of Collinsville; three sisters: Melissa Seifried of Tulsa

Wanda Morrison & husband Bill of Santa Fe, New Mexico

Norma Jimerson of Irvine, California; friend and companion, Karen Helms; Mother of Melanie, Gloria Gilroy, As well as nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives.

Pallbearers were Chris Linley, Vince Williams, Cliff McKinney, Fred Adams, Danne Spurlock, Pete Hogan, Bob Miller and Wilbert Lowe. Honorary Pallbearers were Dale Donathan, Marvin White, Harvey Hudson, Doby Newsom, James Jenkins and Danny Withrow.

Wake services were held Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010 at Randall Indian Baptist Church.

Funeral Services were held Monday, Jan. 18, 2010 at the Wilson School Gymnasium with Rev. Mark Milligan and Rev. Timmie Lowe, officiating. Interment followed at Randall Family Cemetery under the direction of Integrity Funeral Service.

JOSEPHINE CANTRELL

NUYAKA — Josephine Cantrell a former resident of Nuyaka, Okla., residing in Cleveland, Okla., passed away on January 18, 2010 in Tulsa at the age of 63. She was born July 26, 1946 to Joel and Goldie (Fisher) Thornton. She married Kenneth Cantrell and became a homemaker. She is preceded in death by her husband Kenneth, Parents, Brothers; Frank, Nolan and Owen Thornton and two sisters; Delores Peoples and Francis Meeks.

She is survived by Sons, Kenneth Cantrell of Checotah, Frank Cantrell of Cleveland, Okla., Daughter, Vera Talbot of Catootsa, 10 Grandchildren and three Great Grandchildren, brothers, Leon Thornton of Kellyville, Okla., Robert Thornton of Kellyville, Ok, Charles Thornton of Leonard, Ok, Rocky Thornton of Nuyaka, Ok, sisters, Lola Surrell of Wenslow, Ariz., Mary Cantrell of Henryetta, Judy Christie of Beggs, Kathy Thornton of Mounds, Jennie Lea Bowles of Sand Springs and Ruby Roberts of Okmulgee.

Josephine lived many of her years in the rural community of Nuyaka and was devoted to her family and grand children. Being a part of large family, she often attended family reunions and remained close siblings. Later in life she moved to Cleveland, Okla., where she resided with her son, Frank Cantrell and his family.

Wake service were held Thursday Evening January 21, 2010 at the Tallahassee Indian Baptist Church (11242 Cecilia Berryhill Rd.) in Okmulgee, OK.. Services took place on Friday, Jan. 22, 2010 at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at the New Senora Cemetery under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

SPENCER BUCKTROT

BRISTOW — Spencer Bucktrot is a Senior at Bristow High School.

Spencer was selected for All-State in football for the Bristow Pirates. He plays on the offensive line and as defensive end. He will play for the East in Tulsa on July 10, 2010. He also wrestles for the Pirates.

Spencer is of the Wind Clan. He is the son of Linda Barnett and Robert Bucktrot Jr., and Grandson of Eleanor Rachel Barnett and the late Joseph Barnett. Paternal Grandparents are Maxine Bucktrot and the late Robert Bucktrot, Sr.

KIRSTEN LAYNE

SAPULPA — Kirsten Layne, a Muscogee (Creek) Citizen and a sophomore at Northeastern State University from Wagoner, Okla., received a statewide award for her accomplishment in jazz on January 23, at the Crowne Plaza Ballroom in Tulsa, Okla. Kristen has been named the Oklahoma Collegiate Jazz Musician of the Year by the



Oklahoma Jazz Educators Association for the 2009-2010 year.

Kirsten has been playing trumpet for nine years and has been playing jazz for six years. She is a 2008 Wagner High School Graduate and is now a Music Education major at NSU in Tahlequah, Okla. Kristen is involved in multiple ensembles including the NSU Jazz ensemble which she plays split-lead in the trumpet section. After graduating from college, she plans to teach high school band. Kristen is the daughter of Jimmy Layne and Karen O'Fied Layne of Wagoner, Okla., and the granddaughter of Annie Mae Whitecotton O'Fied and the late Richard O'Fied of the Twin Hills Community.

KAYDEN GRACE EVANS

TULSA — Kevin Stallings and Jordan Evans are happy to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, whom they named Kay-

den Grace Evans. Kayden was born on Nov. 20th, 2009, at 2:08 p.m., at Tulsa's St. Francis Hospital. She weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz., and was 18 inches long.

Her maternal grandparent is Pat Stallings of Lawton, Okla. Her Paternal Grandparents are Lori Morton of Tulsa and Tommy and MeShelle Evans of Bristow, Okla.

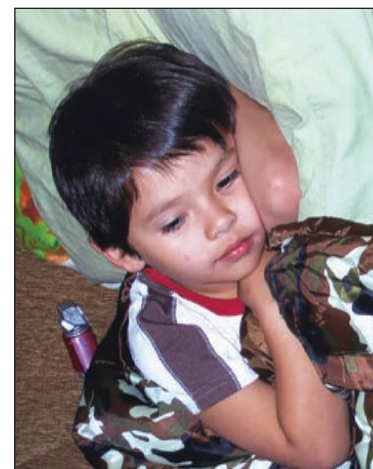
Paternal Great Grandparents are Kay Evans of Bristow, Okla., and Les and Kim Evans of Mannford, Okla. Her Great-Great Grandparents at Alta Morton and the Late Pete Morton Bristow, the Late Mr. and Mrs. G.W McArthur of Bristow, Mr. and Mrs. Gene and Mable Vanzant of Bristow, and Mr. Virgle Evans and Late Bonnie Evans of Mannford.

ILEYANNA PAGE HARJO

WELEETKA — Aaron and Sawena Harjo are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Ileyanna Page Harjo who was born at Shawnee's Unity Health Center. She was born on Jan. 4, 2010, and weighed 8lbs., and 6 oz., and measured 20 inches long.

She is the new sister of Cheyahv Otero. Ileyannas Maternal grandparents are Matthew Otero and Yolanda Otero, Paternal Grandparents are Andy and Lee Butler, Nathane and Karen Harjo and her Paternal Great Grandparents are the Late Naomi and J.W. Harjo and the Late Gladys Lonnie Harjo.

She is of the Wind Clan.

JOURNEY CHAPMAN

SAPULPA — Journey Chapman celebrated his fourth birthday on Nov. 11, 2009. He enjoyed a Transformers themed party. Journey is the son of Keyla Chapman and nephew of Jacy and Skye.

Grandparents are Vanessa Beaver and Jeff Moore of Sapula, Okla., and Great Grandparents are Vance and Barbara Beaver of Louisiana.

He is of the Beaver Clan.

BAYLEE MARIE NEWMAN

OREGON CITY, Ore., — Baylee Marie Newman celebrated a sweet 16 themed birthday on Jan. 25, 2010.

She is the Daughter of Anthony and Teri Newman. She has two siblings Daelyn and A.J. Her grandparents are Tony and Reba Marks Newman, and Great Grandparents are Josephy and Rebecca Marks.

Baylee is a resident of Oregon and holds the honor of top student where she attends high school.

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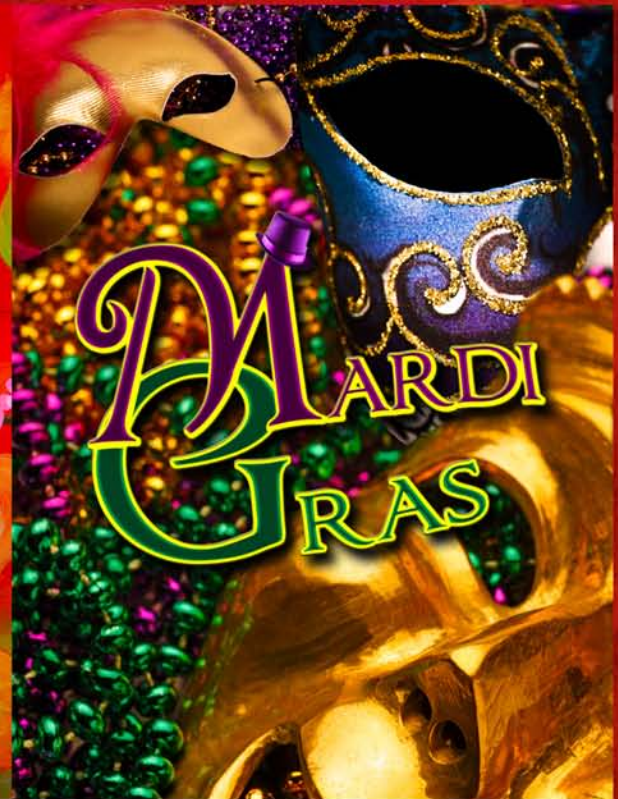
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2010 State of the Nation

• Anticipated revenue down half from 2009

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Principal Chief A.D. Ellis gave his Annual State of the Nation address to a capacity crowd Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010.

"I'd like to welcome everyone here; it shows that people are interested in our government," said Ellis. "This is my seventh State of the Nation and the first on a Thursday night."

He addressed such issues as the declining casino income and possible cuts in spending. While programs to be cut or slashed are still very much up for debate, the looming financial crunch weighed heavy on the crowd.

"Our revenue for 2011 is going to be in terrible shape," said Ellis. "In the first quarter of 2009, last year, our revenue from the Tulsa casino was \$13.6 million. This year for the same period it's \$5.2 million. That's \$8 million dollars short in one quarter; times four that's \$32 million short projected."

The downturn of the economy plays a major factor in the casino revenues. However, he is encouraging departments to watch spending and cut back as needed.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation



MNN/Melodie Reader

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis gave the State of the Nation Address at the Muscogee (Creek) National Council session where he delivered the news of an anticipated 50 percent decrease in revenue from gaming for FY 2010 according to first-quarter reports.

tribal complex in Okmulgee currently employs 1,548 people with an annual payroll budget of \$50.2 million; Gaming employs 1892 people with an annual payroll budget of \$55.1 million. Together, Muscogee (Creek) Nation pays a total of \$105 million in annual payroll budget alone.

"We have to make up \$23 million somewhere," said Ellis. "If there is a 10 percent reduction in salary, I think it

should begin at the top. Layoffs will be a last resort. We're willing to do what it takes."

"From all of our Tulsa, Muskogee, Okmulgee and community casinos, we had a total profit of \$83.5 million last year," said Ellis. "If our projections are right, it will be \$44 million this year."

The two casinos that have improved revenues over last year are Okmah and Checotah.

Storm-Spotter Training to be held Monday, Feb. 22

Media Release
MCN Emergency Management

TULSA — It's that time of the year again and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Emergency Management, Okmulgee County Emergency Management and the City of Okmulgee Emergency Management will be hosting a storm spotter training on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7 p.m.

The training will be held at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex in the Mound Build-

ing. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex is located at Hwy. 75 and Loop 56.

This training is free and open to the public! Cleet certification will be given for law enforcement officials.

For more information contact James Nichols, Coordinator of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Emergency Management at (918) 732-7981.

Okla. House of Reps. honors Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation was honored Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010 in Oklahoma City by the Oklahoma House of Representatives for their work as a Nation. Rep. Dan Kirby presented the Citation to Principal Chief A. D. Ellis before a full house and gallery.

"As a proud citizen of the

Muscogee (Creek) Nation it is with great honor that I welcome to the House floor today our Principal Chief A. D. Ellis and with him Second Chief Alfred Berryhill, Executive Director Claude Sumner, Secretary of the Nation Kevin Dellinger and Public Relations Manager Thompson Gouge," said Kirby.

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National Council funds pay increases for Citizenship Board Office

A.D. Ellis
MCN Principal Chief

OKMULGEE — Some time ago the Citizenship Board and staff went to the National Council seeking a Budget Supplemental for an additional position and salary increases for all office staff. I, of course, totally disagreed with the Citizenship Board office for by-passing the Principal Chief's office, so the legislation was written, voted upon, and passed by the National Council (22-0). So I vetoed the legislation and of course it was overridden by a vote of 18-5. I feel that it isn't fair to the other 1500 employees of the Nation who won't be receiving an increase (due to the economic situation this Nation and the world are facing).



Principal Chief A.D. Ellis

I was notified by the Attorney General that if I don't allow these salary increases, I would be pulled into court, in which the Attorney General would represent the Citizenship Board Office.

These are the huge salary increases the Citizenship Board Office are requesting, for example: 1 employee (started 11/2/09 and was on probation at the time the pay increases were requested) will receive a \$6,000 increase, while the manager who currently receives a \$49,000 salary will receive an \$11,000 increase which will bump her up to a \$60,000 annual salary, with the other eight employees receiving similar increases. The Citizenship

Board Office Manager mentioned they are among the lowest paid employees. So I checked into this and that is not true. Compared to another board established by the Constitution, the Election Board Manager receives a \$37,000 annual salary. It is not fair to the other tribal employees. I would like to ask the Citizenship Board, do each of you agree with this increase? Do you think this is fair?

In June 2008, the Attorney General's Office issued an opinion regarding Four Day Work Week, in this opinion he stated, "As the sole authority, the Board is the only authority over the Citizenship staff. This means that the Citizenship Board is not required to obtain approval from any other officer or division within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in order to carry out its legally delegated authority to manage the Citizenship department

staff and employees," so it pretty much says, as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation I have no authority over the Citizenship Board Office staff. I again disagree; I believe the board's office staffs are tribal employees.

Because the state of the Nation's economic status, as addressed in my State of the Nation Address, an Economic Advisory Committee has been established. I stated in my address that layoffs would be considered as the last resort but also the committee will consider all means of cut backs.

If you have any opinions, complaints, or comments please either call my office at (918) 732.7605. Also, contact your National Council Representatives and the Attorney General's Office.

As far as I'm concerned all employees should be treated equally.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:)
P. M.) CASE NO. ~~AD 2010-01~~ 8m P 2:16
A minor child.) Before Judge Moore
Judge of the District Court

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR ORDER DETERMINING CHILDREN TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT OF NATURAL FATHER

TO: Stephen Turner

On the 19 day of JANUARY 2010, a Petition was filed in this Court for the Adoption of the minor child, P.M., a minor child born out of wedlock at Methodist Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, on December 15, 2002, to Timisha Michelle Melton, so that minor child can be determined eligible for adoption without consent of the natural father. Said Petition is set for hearing on the 2nd day of MARCH, 2010 at the hour of 10 O'clock PM before the Honorable Judge Patrick E. Moore in District Court in and for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, located at Highway 75 and Loop 56, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Petitioner has alleged in the Petition that you are the biological father, as adjudicated in the District Court of Dallas County, Texas, 304th Judicial District Cause No. 03-324-W. Petitioner alleges that your consent to this adoption should be deemed unnecessary and your parental rights terminated because you failed to pay child support for the child in accordance with your ability during the preceding year and that you failed to establish and/or maintain a significant relationship with the child for a period of six (6) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of the Petition for Adoption.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN ABOVE, WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE, AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT.

YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SAID HEARING SHALL COMMUNICATE YOUR DECISION NOT TO OPPOSE THE APPLICATION TO DETERMINE THE CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT AND SHALL COMMUNICATE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILD, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU OF THIS OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING, IN THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT AND IN THE CHILD'S ADOPTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND STATE OF OKLAHOMA. YOU ARE ALSO NOTIFIED THAT YOUR DUTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE CHILD STILL CONTINUES AFTER YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED.


JUDGE PATRICK MOORE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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Letter from MNN Editor:

Hesci readers!

It's bittersweet to replace one of our own, Starla Bush, who left the Editorial Division for a Printing job downstairs, but we are again at full staff. She will definitely be missed by all of us here at the MNN after working with the division for five years, but we're glad she's just a staircase away.

We have added a new reporter, Melodie Reader, whose writing skills have impressed me from day one. I hope you will enjoy her style and passion for what she does as much as we do.

OK, I guess I'll stop bragging on the staff for now... We are so pleased to bring you the latest edition of the *Muscogee Nation News* and are looking for some feedback on the new size, so any and all suggestions are very much appreciated.

It is Heart Health Awareness month, so I'm trying to do my part with a new water aerobics class I'm taking twice a week and I encourage you to do the same (you don't have to try to squeeze into your bathing suit to try out some new moves) and pick an activity that promotes heart health for you and those you love.

I'm not mentioning the other holiday in February that involves 'hearts' and or love. Maybe next year.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:)
P. M.) CASE NO. AD 2010-5 A 11:52
A minor child.) Before Judge Moore
Judge of the District Court

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR ORDER DETERMINING CHILDREN TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT OF NATURAL MOTHER

TO: Timisha Michelle Melton

On this 4 day of February 2010 an Application was filed in this Court for a determination that P.D.N.G., a minor child born out of wedlock in Methodist Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, on December 15, 2002, to Timisha Michelle Melton, be declared eligible for adoption without the consent of the Natural Mother, so that the adoption of said child may occur. Said Application is set for hearing on the 5 day of March 2010 at the hour of 10:00 O'clock A.m in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District Courtroom, located in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound Building, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, before the Honorable Judge Patrick E. Moore.

Petitioner has alleged in the Petition that you are the biological mother, as identified by the child's birth certificate. Petitioner alleges that your consent to this adoption should be deemed unnecessary and your parental rights terminated because you failed to pay child support for the child in accordance with your ability during the preceding year and that you failed to establish and/or maintain a significant relationship with the child for a period of six (6) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of the Petition for Adoption.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE

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IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN ABOVE, WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE, AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT.

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Signed and dated this 4 day of February 2010.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the marriage of:)
SEJARYEE LEE BEAR,)
Petitioner,) Case No. DV-2009-142
HUGO NERY VARGAS,)
Respondent.) Before Patrick E. Moore
Judge of the District Court

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Hugo Nery Vargas

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. DV-2009-142, styled In re the Marriage of Sejaryee Lee Bear, Petitioner and Hugo Nery Vargas, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage* from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner on or before the 11 day of March 2010, or appear at the hearing on the 11 day of March 2010 at 10 o'clock A.m. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 28 day of January 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee
District

By: Jobie King
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:)
T.H.; DOB: 11-30-99) Case No. JV-2010-01
K.H.; DOB: 03-23-01)
M.H.; DOB: 05-20-08)
Alleged Deprived Children.)

JUVENILE SUMMONS

THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: Marquis Combs, Natural Father as to M.H.
Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above-named children are deprived children and that, as the parent of said child(ren), you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 26 day of April at the hour of 10:00 A.M. for an adjudication hearing and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

Issued this 3 day of February, 2010.

[Seal]

Shavan McClinton
Deputy Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court

All-Indian Rodeo returns to Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival 2010

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — Why hasn't the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival hosted an All-Indian Rodeo in the past two years?

According to Cherokee Hicks, Director of MCN Tourism & Recreation, the MCN Festival All-Indian Rodeo was previously sanctioned through the Choctaw Nation. In 2007, the Choctaw Nation dropped its sanctioning/membership. This reluctantly prompted the late Bob Arrington, former Festival Committee member and Festival Rodeo Coordinator, to choose to have a PRCA rodeo in 2008. For the same reason, there wasn't an All-Indian Rodeo during the 2009 Festival.

"With the help of tribal members from other tribal nations, Louis Hicks and I have been diligently organizing the Arrington-McSpadden All-Indian Rodeo Association. The manifestation of it will allow us to have All-Indian sanctioned rodeos. Therefore, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival will host a sanctioned All-Indian Rodeo during the 2010 Festival," stated Cherokee Hicks.

For several years prior to 2008, the Festival All-Indian Ro-

deo spectator and contestant attendance were extremely low. "This year, we hope to raise the bar and return it to the mass attendance it once had when Bob Arrington and others with his passion started the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Rodeo in 1973," Hicks remarked.

The MCN Festival All-Indian Rodeo is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 25-26, at the Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena, part of the Claude Cox Omniplex located in Okmulgee, Okla., in conjunction with the MCN Festival, held June 24-27, 2010.

The Arrington-McSpadden All-Indian Rodeo Association is also accepting applications for membership. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/arringtonmcspadden

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival is a collaborative effort of the departments of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation with operations overseen by the Office of Tourism & Recreation. For more information, contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992 or toll-free at (800) 482-1979 or by e-mail at: tourism@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Co-ed employee softball tournament

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Tourism & Recreation will host a Co-ed Employee Softball Tournament at the Claude Cox Omniplex Softball Fields located in Okmulgee on Saturday, April 3, 2010 beginning at 9 a.m.

The cost will be \$10 per player. For registration and rules, par-

ticipants may swing by the Office of Tourism & Recreation at the main complex or send an e-mail to: tourism@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Prizes will be given for first and second place teams.

For more information, please contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732 7992.

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Sunday, March 7th, 2010

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For more info contact
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Alcoholic beverages and diabetes

• Can you or can't you have a beer?

Sherry O'Mara

Okmulgee Diabetes Educator/Coordinator

OKMULGEE— *Disclaimer: The Division of Health does not recommend the use of alcohol due to health risks associated with it such as alcohol addiction or abuse, during pregnancy and other health conditions in which it may be harmful. However, for those who choose to drink alcoholic beverages and have diabetes, this information is important and will be helpful.*

Can you or can't you have a beer?

You are serious about keeping your diabetes in control. You count carbohydrates servings, turn down desserts and exercise daily. But, for those of you that enjoy drinking alcoholic beverages, it may seem like one of the few pleasures you have left is taken away with the diagnosis of diabetes. Whether it's a glass of wine at dinner or a beer with your buddies, for those who have diabetes and enjoy alcoholic beverages, you may wonder just how unhealthy your choice to drink is.

So is drinking acceptable if you have diabetes? The answer is yes, in moderation, according to the American Diabetes Association (ADA). All types of alcohol have been shown to have some heart-health benefits such as raising HDL

(good) cholesterol and improving your body's ability to use insulin.

Are there any reasons a person with diabetes should not drink? There are other reasons not to drink alcohol. Alcohol is high in unhealthy calories. An alcoholic drink contains 7 calories per gram and has no nutri-

tional value. Blood glucose may rise too high if it is mixed with orange juice or other sweet liquid. Wine and beer also contain carbohydrates and can raise blood sugar.

Alcohol can lead to health problems with overuse, can slow your responses, and can be dangerous if you drink and drive. There are certain conditions in which alcohol intake is not recommended. These include diabetes that is out of control, pregnancy, high triglycerides, severe nerve damage, pancreatitis, or alcohol addiction. It is always a good idea to check with your health care provider for his/her recommendations regarding drinking alcohol.

So does alcohol complicate matters for persons with diabetes?

Yes, drinking alcohol can actually cause severe low blood sugar. When you drink, your liver doesn't do its usual job of releasing blood sugar into the blood stream. Because of this, low blood sugar, becomes a risk especially for persons taking the kind of diabetes medications that increase insulin such as glyburide, glipizide or insulin.

The problem of low blood sugar after drinking alcohol is made worse

if you drink on an empty stomach. With no food to raise your blood sugar and no sugar from the liver to counter balance and medicines on board that keep lowering your blood sugar, you are very likely to experience low blood sugar. And, because it takes two hours for just one ounce of alcohol to metabo-

lize and leave your system, the risk of low blood sugar continues long after you've emptied your glass. It can continue to cause low blood glucose 8-12 hours after you drink, especially if you drink in excess, take diabetes medicine, or don't eat.

However, if your blood sugar and blood fats are in good control and you drink sensibly and in moderation, you can drink an alcohol beverage. Here's how to drink smartly with diabetes:

1. Drink in moderation: The USDA recommends no more than two drinks per day maximum for men and no more than one drink daily for women. One drink is defined as:
 - a. 12 ounces of beer
 - b. 5 ounces of wine
 - c. 1.5 ounces of hard liquor (distilled spirits)

In addition, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse recommends that anyone over age 65 not drink more than one alcoholic drink daily.

2. Don't drink on an empty stomach. Have food when you drink.
3. Check your blood sugar to help you decide whether you should drink.

a. If your blood sugar is low, that is, less than 80, eat something along with your drink or have a mixed drink.

b. On the other hand, if your blood sugar is high, that is, above 180, avoid mixers that add lots of carbohydrates. These are tonic water, regular soda, syrups, juices and liqueurs or choose not to drink at all.

4. Wear or carry identification that states you have diabetes.
5. Sip a drink slowly.

So can you have a beer? The answer is yes in regard to your diabetes. If you drink smartly, you will stay healthy.

Tips on exercising during the winter season

William Fixico

Okmulgee Diabetes Program

OKMULGEE — Well the cold days of winter are among us, and exercising in the cold weather can be a challenge, but that doesn't mean you have to stay inside. Getting outside to exercise is smart no matter what season it is. It's easy to exercise during the warm and sunny days, but not so much for the cold gloomy days of winter. Here are some important tips to know for your workout through the cold winter months.

Extreme cold can affect your tolerance to exercise. If you have shortness of breath or chest pain associated with exertion, keep your exercise at a comfortable pace. Ask your health care provider if you are unsure it is safe for you to exercise in cold weather.

Warm up first — a good warm up is very important. Cold temperatures can make your muscles tight and take longer to loosen up; therefore they are more prone to muscle injuries. So it is very important that you warm up first, before your workout. Do about a 5 minute walk to warm up your muscles, stretch the muscles that you will be using for your workout, make sure you hold the stretch for about 15 seconds.

Wear the right clothing — wearing proper clothing is the most important part of exercising when it's cold outside. Dress warmly and in layers, even if it's cold out, your body still generates heat during a workout. Wearing layers allows you to stay warm, and also keeps you from overheating. Wearing layers allows you to remove them as needed to control your body temperature. The layer closest to your skin

should draw off moisture (sweat) from your body. You should also wear something on your head or neck, the body loses most of heat through the head and neck.

Stay hydrated — it's just as important to stay hydrated when exercising in winter as it is in summer, even though you might not feel as thirsty. Drink plenty of water before, during and after your workout.

Wear proper shoes — you should always wear a good pair of running shoes (walking or running) for any season. Replace shoes that have worn out soles. This will decrease your chance of slipping on ice.

After a good workout outside, it's important to cool down. During your cool down, you should walk around slowly, to bring down your heart rate back normal, and stretch your muscles again.

If the weather is too cold to go outside to exercise, here are some alternative exercises to do indoors. Go to the local Wal-mart to walk. If affordable, join a local health club or rent some exercise videos. At home, you can try dancing, walking or jogging in place while watching your favorite TV show.

Although the winter months can be a good excuse to stay inside and stay warm, we must try to keep healthy as well. Staying active in the winter will help get rid of the extra pounds you may have gained during the holidays. Have a good workout, and remember to stay safe doing it!

For more health tips, please contact the MCN Health Administration at (918) 756-4333.



Coming and Going in Indian Country

by Joy Harjo

This morning I'm in Anchorage, Alaska, and at 7:15AM it's dark as night and will be until close to 9AM. I was invited up for the first Native Playwrights Festival at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. The playwrights are from native villages around Alaska, and from here in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau. Some of us performed on Saturday, and the workweek began Saturday evening with meetings. We've been meeting every day from 8:30 to 5 p.m. Then we have work assignments at night. So I'm scrambling to get my column in (as usual!).

I first came up to Alaska in the early eighties to go to the jails and prisons and help prisoners with poetry. Rent-A-Wreck was the only car rental company that would rent without a credit card. And guess what kind of car they loaned me...a refurbished police car! It was just what I needed to drive up and gain confidence of the prisoners! I went to four different penal institutions in the Anchorage area, four, with a population half the size of Tulsa. One was a women's prison. About ninety percent of the prisoners in the men's units were native. Black men were next in population size, then the poor white guys who'd come up to work on the pipeline. Most were in primarily for being native, black and/or poor with no money for attorneys, and/or doing something stupid in the wrong place at the wrong time. I did not pick up malice, but neither was I placed in high security. I met the brother of a friend of mine, who is now a shaman. He'd been riding around with a party and got picked up. The women were mostly in for taking the rap for their boyfriends, and being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

I'll never forget being led into a room of male prisoners by the jail keep at the Fourth Avenue jail, and hearing him say "I'll be back in two

hours" as he locked the door shut behind me. The prisoners were hungry to speak and sing. Most of them knew poems by heart. There were tears and laughter as they wrote and spoke. All of them responded to poetry because they needed a way to hear and speak their souls. They took to writing with a hungry fervor. I'm convinced that most waywardness is creativity turned backwards.

There's a young moose who has been roaming the grounds of the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Tourists who don't know moose think they're cute with the personality of deer. They are more dangerous than bears. Bears are predictable. Moose will charge, kick, and then dance on you, and not think about it. One woman's cousin just had her scalp pulled loose by a dancing moose. So we had to navigate the young one as we walked out to use the Inupiak village site for a classroom. (There are several kinds of traditional houses in the on-site village.)

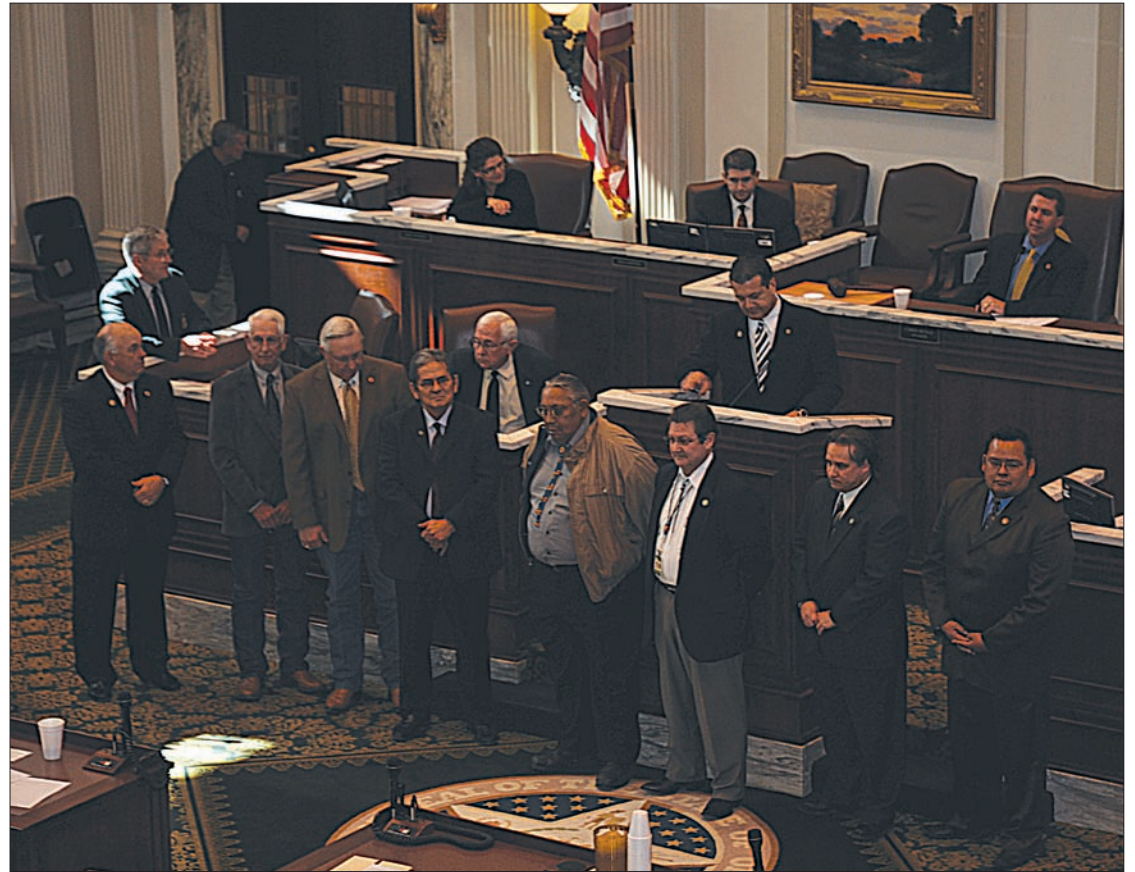
My brother has been having a hard time getting his citizenship card. He used to have one. He was turned away because our father's name had "Jr." on one document, and not on the other. All the rest of us in the family have our cards. Even his son has his enrollment card. My brother needs the card for health care. He's been having stroke tremors. But the receptionist kept telling me: "He's not in our system." We were here before there was a system. We have been Creek for thousands of years, before cards. I know my brother isn't the only one who's been having a problem. I'm afraid he might not live along to get his card.

And finally, don't forget, be kind to all you meet along the way.



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MNN/Melodie Reader

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis received award honoring the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Oklahoma City during legislative session with the House of Representatives at the State Capitol Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010. Pictured from left to right are: Rep. Jerry McPeak, Rep. Jerry Shoemaker, Rep. Steve Kouplen, Chief Ellis, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill, Executive Director Claude Sumner, Secretary of the Nation Kevin Dellinger and Public Relations Manager Thompson Gouge.

"Today before the House of Representatives, I would like to recognize the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for their heritage and for all they do for our state and our local community. As the speaker will allow, we will read a Citation to honor the Nation for their generosity."

Kirby went on to note that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation gives back to their community through various programs such as water, fire department and storm siren improvements, school clothing and funding edu-

cation.

Ellis accepted the plaque on behalf of the citizens amidst a roar of applause from the House floor and viewing guests.

"Thank you very much," said Ellis. "We're awful proud to be Muscogee (Creek) citizens, but we're proud to be Oklahomans as well. I assure that what's good for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will be good for the State of Oklahoma and vice versa."

At lunch following the presentation of the Citation, legislators met with Muscogee (Creek) Nation executives in the first Native Ameri-

can Caucus of this legislative session.

"Today, it was an honor to represent the Muscogee (Creek) Nation before the Oklahoma House of Representatives," said Secretary of the Nation Kevin Dellinger. "It was great to see our Nation receive some well-deserved recognition for its contributions to our tribal citizens as well as to the State of Oklahoma. The Nation has come a long way; however, there is still much more to accomplish. I look forward to the Nation's future."

Cobell v. Salazar case — individual Indian trust beneficiaries information

Media Release
Community Research & Development

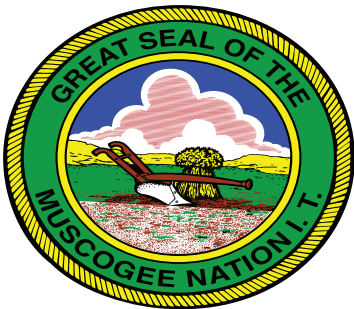
OKLAHOMA CITY — A settlement agreement has been announced between IIM beneficiaries and the Secretary of the Interior, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior-Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Treasury in a long-running class action lawsuit, Cobell v. Salazar.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government mismanaged individual Indians' trust accounts. Under the terms of the Settlement, the federal government will create a \$1.4 billion Ac-

counting/Trust Administration Fund and a \$2 billion Trust Land Consolidation Fund. The Settlement also creates an Indian Education Scholarship fund of up to \$60 million to improve access to higher education for Indians.

For more information, please visit www.CobellSettlement.com. You will receive the official Court-approved notice that will be sent out if the Congress and the Court agree that the process for approving the Settlement should go forward.

DEDICATION OF THE BRONZE STATUE FOR MUSCOGEE WOMEN VETERANS



**10:00AM
FRIDAY, 26 MARCH 2010**

All Muscogee Veterans are encouraged to attend our tribe's Women Veterans Statue Dedication at the Veterans building, Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Please call
Ken Davis (918) 732-7739
Mrs. Fannie Barnett (918) 732-7744
or **Shawn Taryole (918) 732-7745**
to log in your attendance. Mvto.

LIHEAP available through March 31

Media Release
MCN Social Services

OKMULGEE — LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is available for low-income families residing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation service boundaries.

New participants may apply beginning January 11, 2010. We will continue to take applications through March 31, 2010, or until the funds are exhausted.

To apply for services, please choose one of the following options:

Applicants may choose to apply:

1) IN PERSON - No appointment is necessary and clients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Office hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. We are located at 2971 N. Wood Drive, just north of Housing. For a community schedule, please see below.

2) BY MAIL – Please mail

all documents to: MCN Social Services, Attn: LIHEAP, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not mail your cards or original documents.

3) BY FAX – Please fax all documents to 918-759-9988 and include a cover sheet addressed to LIHEAP.

4) IN YOUR COMMUNITY – Please contact our office to find out when we will be visiting your community.

Those who wish to apply should provide:

1) Tribal enrollment cards and Social Security cards for everyone in the household

2) Driver's License for those without a tribal enrollment card

3) Gas bill OR Propane vendor OR Wood vendor (Electric bill only if you are total electric. You may be asked to verify this.)

4) Copies of all income sources

5) Phone number (in case we

need to contact you)

6) Authorization for Social Services to sign the application (if mailing or faxing)

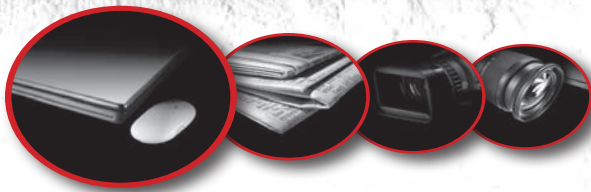
7) Non-Duplication statement: Statement detailing any assistance received in the past 12 months from any federal, state, tribe, community, and/or church agency or the like with utilities and/or deposits.

8) Additional documentation may be required based on your individual situation.

Applicants should keep paying their bill until they receive an approval letter. Please allow at least 45 days for processing.

Please contact Social Services at 918-759-2334 if you need additional information. The toll-free number is 1-800-482-1979 ext. 7995.

Field Site	Location	Date
Koweta	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	2 nd Tuesday of month
Wetumka	Creek Nation offices (old hospital) 9:30 – 11:00 am	2 nd Wednesday of month
Bristow	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	2 nd Thursday of month
Eufaula	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	3 rd Tuesday of month
Sapulpa	Community Center 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	3 rd Wednesday of month
Checotah	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	3 rd Thursday of month
Okemah	Nutrition Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	4 th Tuesday of month
Holdenville	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	4 th Wednesday of month



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SECTION B

February Mid-Month 2010

Census kick-off set for March 1

• Portrait of America Road Tour comes to MCN

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — March 1, 2010 is the kick-off for Census 2010. The Portrait of America Road Tour will be bringing the 2010 Census to the local community of Okmulgee where the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will be the first tribal nation visited in 2010.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the kick-off of Census 2010 which will feature the reading of an official proclamation by Principal Chief A.D. Ellis. Tribal representatives will also be available to answer any questions from citizens at this time.

At Road Tour events, attendees will be able to:

- Learn about the 2010 Census and the positive impact of participation on the local community
- Contribute their voices, pictures, videos and messages to the Road Tour
- View messages from other Road Tour participants
- See a sample 2010 Census form
- Speak with the 2010 Census Road Tour staff and local census partners

Everyone is invited to attend one of the Road Tour stops to experience this free, interactive and educational

event. Those who can't attend in person are encouraged to experience the virtual tour at 2010census.gov

For more information please contact Road Tour Team members Eddie Hall at (816)518-7303 or Tham Vo at (816) 582-1641.

As part of the upcoming U.S. Census efforts, MNN Editor Rebecca Landsberry spoke to students at the College of the Muscogee Nation about the significance of filling out the questionnaire.

Landsberry explained what information needs to be provided to help ensure an accurate count of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens.

"Census 2010 is a 10-question survey this year," said Landsberry. "The main thing we [the tribe] want you to remember is that if there is a Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen living in the household, to make sure and fill in 'Muscogee Creek Nation' when it prompts tribal affiliation. The census is completed every 10 years and funding for some of the Nation's tribal programs is based on the numbers reported, good or bad."

Tribal programs that will benefit from high reported census numbers

include housing and education to name a few.

"There are other questions that look at demographic information, but most importantly, you have to fill out the number of people in your household and spell out 'MuscogeeCreekNation' as head of household where applicable," said Landsberry.

This is also a great opportunity for students who may need a part-time job.

"If you are looking for a part-time job, there are still opportunities for employment with the Census which would be ideal for college students and others with flexible schedules," explained Landsberry. "The hours are flexible and training is provided for both full- and part-time positions."

When completing the Census form, citizens should remember to write MuscogeeCreekNation as one word (no spaces or parentheses) in the tribal affiliation box or they will not be counted as tribal members.

In order to accommodate citizens across the jurisdictional boundaries, there will also be Census offices and Be Counted sites set up throughout the Nation where tribal citizens can fill out their Census forms and find answers to any questions they may have regarding the questionnaire.

For more information on Census 2010, contact MCN Community Services at (918) 732-7968.

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Executive Board Training Workshop set for Feb. 20

Media Release

Community Research & Development

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Community Research & Development department is hosting a Workshop on Saturday February 20, 2010 from 9am-1pm. All Community Board Officers are encouraged to attend. The Workshop will cover the Roles and Responsibilities for each officer on their board as well as some basic Accounting policies and procedures that will

benefit your community. Also, the new Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code Annotated book will be available in February and will be distributed at the workshop.

The workshop will be held at the Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Building located at 2975 E. Martha Berryhill Ave. in Okmulgee, OK. Brunch will be served. If there are any questions, please call Valerie at (918) 732-7963.

Lighthorse announces new toll-free emergency number

Melodie Reader

MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Lighthorse Chief of Police Jack Shackelford announced a new toll-free phone number for emergencies involving Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens living within tribal jurisdiction.

The number, 1 (877) 547-3390, goes directly through to dispatchers at Lighthorse headquarters where officers respond as needed.

Approximately 40,000 callers a year are routed through the Muscogee (Creek) Nation dispatch for service calls which include traffic citations, burglary, robbery, drugs, auto accidents and domestic incidences.

Information on the Lighthorse Police Department can be found on the Web site: www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

The Lighthorse Police Department will be listed after clicking on the Independent Agencies icon located at the bottom of the web page. From there, browsers may navigate the page to search for more information.

The Web site has updated information and will release further updates as new information is received. Citizens may also call (918) 732-7800 for more information.

Callers are encouraged to call 911 for medical emergencies, but for all other emergencies, citizens are encouraged to call the new toll-free number and notify the Lighthorse Police for incidences occurring within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

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MNN/Angel Ellis

Pictured above are Musogee (Creek) Nation Second Chief Alfred Berryhill (left) and newly appointed Museum Curator John Beaver

Angel Ellis
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE — A new Musogee (Creek) Nation museum in the strategic planning phase of development has moved forward in its progress and secured John Beaver as curator. While the museum is in early stages, the selection of Beaver as curator should facilitate a smooth transition throughout the process.

The planning committee, a diverse entity which includes input from all branches of government and even leaders from the ceremonial grounds has been reviewing design ideas, construction options and locations and now with the help of newly appointed, John Beaver seeks to focus on more details.

Beaver brings his strong cultural education background, ten years of experience in working in museums, and a desire to make this project a “by the people, for the people,” museum. Beaver’s early roots are in archeological projects. He received his education from the University of Oklahoma with a background which includes three years with the Field Museum in Chicago, Ill., and seven years with the Smithsonian

National Museum of the American Indian of Washington, D.C.

Beaver hopes to combine his cultural knowledge base with the innovative concepts he has practiced while working at the NMAI.

“My plans include adding interactive, educational and traditional community input, said Beaver.”

The NMAI is widely known for combining traditional preservation and study techniques with more contemporary arts, audiovisual collections, film, and photography depicting both historical and contemporary Native American life.

Beaver expressed that his ideal source of information will come from the traditional community. While he anticipates the project will become successful, he stated, “One of the typical hurdles that the museum will face is funding.”

After working for a decade outside of Oklahoma Beaver said, “I am humbled and honored to be back. I want to thank Second Chief and I am so grateful to everyone who has been a supporter of the museum during these early stages.”

Puppets offer nutrition tips to toddlers

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Music and laughter greeted the ears of those in attendance at the “Fruits & Veggies – More Matters” puppet show presented to toddlers at the Musogee (Creek) Nation Division of Community Services Office of Child Care by Virginia Williams of Musogee (Creek) Nation Food Distribution.

Williams came at the request of the Office of Child Care staff to prepare and present a program to their children.

The children were treated to a musically themed puppet show in which Williams presented healthy food choices to encourage kids and their parents to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into their diets.

At the front of the cafeteria stood a pirate ship with a pig and worm on board, which kids watched sail across the ocean to an island and find tasty fruit.

In another part of the program a rabbit and a turtle found freshly grown vegetables to munch while at their farm.

Multiple mediums were used to help present the importance of eating fruits and vegetables. Flashcards were shown to the kids to help aid in the

identification of said foods. All items were correctly named.

“When I showed the kids the flashcards to help them with food identification, they correctly identified every fruit and vegetable,” said Williams. “I was amazed.”

The puppet show was chock full of a variety of puppets, songs and dances.

Hands on participation was key to the learning process, as each child passed a fruit or veggie to their neighbor as its name was called out during a song.

Other activities included dancing and “freezing” like a particular fruit or veggie when they played the “boom, boom, boom” song which gave various “fruit moves” throughout the lyrics.

They had a blast as they laughed, smiled, giggled, stomped and danced their way around their kinder mats. Teachers seemed to enjoy the event as well.

After the puppet presentation, children were treated to a healthy snack which helped promote the fruit and veggie theme of the day.

The puppet program “Fruits & Veggies – More Matters” is funded by the USDA and Musogee (Creek) Na-

tion and travels to various MCN child care facilities.

They will be in Holdenville Feb. 25, 2010 and intend to visit Sapulpa and Tulsa sometime during March.

Williams not only teaches healthy eating habits to children, but also teaches nutrition classes to childcare providers.

“The goal is to help curb childhood obesity in our kids,” said Williams. “We want our kids to learn a healthy lifestyle by being active, choosing healthy foods and the right portion size while they’re kids, so that they have healthy habits as they grow up.”

The program follows USDA guidelines for good nutrition and covers most any nutritional topic for kids. The programs are age-appropriate and have a curriculum for teachers to follow.

Healthy foods, portion size, exercise and hand washing are just a few of the topics the program promotes.

“Any change big or small to their healthy eating is good,” said Williams. “Even if it is a small change, it is something permanent that will contribute to their well-being.”



MNN/Melodie Reader

The Musogee (Creek) Nation Food Distribution Program in conjunction with the Office of Child Care put on a puppet show program for toddlers teaching the importance of good nutrition with diets including fruits and vegetables.

CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sand Springs Indian Education Stomp Dance

SAND SPRINGS — On Saturday, Feb. 27, the Sand Springs Indian Education Stomp Dance will be held at the Clyde Boyd Middle School.

Fish Pond will be the host ground for the even which will also include a 50/50, cakewalk, door prizes and concessions

All the proceeds will benefit the Jerre Brokaw / Alice Kemp Memorial Scholarship Fund. For more information please contact the Indian Education Office at (918) 246-1583.

Bean Chowder Dinner

OAKHURST — The Indian Fellowship Baptist Church will be holding a Fundraiser Bean Chowder Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adults are \$6 and children 10 and under are \$2.50.

Tobacco Workshop

OKMULGEE — Bill Breckinridge, Environmental Specialist and Mvskoke citizen, will be instructing the 'Cultivating Reverence' workshop on tobacco. The event will be in seminar A and B rooms of the Green Country Technology Center from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., Feb. 24, 2010.

Lunch will be provided. Interested parties should fill out a registration form and mail to 121 W. Broadway, Okemah, OK 74859 or e-mail to: esther.yargee@creekhealth.org

Second annual 'Love Your Heart' event

OKMULGEE — The second annual Love Your Heart Event, sponsored by the Okmulgee Indian Health Center, will be held at the Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center Feb. 24 from 11 a.m., to 2 p.m.

Health employees will be checking blood pressure and cholesterol and giving information on heart disease, health heart recipes, fitness tips, door prizes and refreshments.

For more information, contact Rebecca Stovall at (918) 591-5735.

NASA annual Stomp Dance

GLENPOOL — The Glenpool Native American Student Association will be hosting a Stomp dance on Feb. 27, at the Glenpool Creek Indian Community. The even begins at 7 p.m., and ends at midnight.

Attendees are invited to bring their own chair. Booths are free with an item donation. For more information contact Kristi Collington at (918) 322-3823 ext. 568.

Wild Onion Dinner

HOLDENVILLE — Salt Creek United Methodist Church is hosting

their annual wild onion dinner at the Holdenville Creek Indian Community Center. The dinner will be held March 6, from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m.

Dinner will be served buffet style (all-you-can-eat) with drink and dessert is included.

Wild Onion Dinner

MORRIS — Big Cussetah Indian Methodist Church is hosting and all-you-can-eat wild onion dinner on March 20, from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m. Prices will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under and \$8 for all carry-out orders.

For more information, please contact Miley Hargis at (918) 342-3637.

Wild Onion Dinner

BROKEN ARROW — Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church will host a wild onion dinner at 20854 E. 141st on March 27, from 11

a.m., to 3 p.m.

Wild Onion Dinner

TULSA — All Tribes Community Church will be hosting thier annual wild onion dinner on Saturday, March 13 from 12-4 p.m., at the Akdar Shrine Headquarters located at 2808 S. Sheridan Rd., in Tulsa.

Arts and crafts space will be available. Prices will be \$8 a plate for adults or two for \$15. Children eight and under will be \$4.

For more information, contact Sue Tanequoot at (918) 237-5888.

Wild Onion Dinner

BIXBY — Haikey Chapel UMC will host their annual wild onion dinner March 20 from 11 a.m., to3 p.m., on site.

Fore more information, contact Rev. July Tecumseh at (918) 681-6175.

Birthdays, Births & Special Announcements!

Birthday:

Roll Number: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Theme of the party: _____

Parents: _____

Siblings: _____

Maternal and Paternal grandparents: _____

Maternal and Paternal great grandparents: _____

School: _____

Clan: _____

Tribal Town: _____



Birth:

Roll Number: _____

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Hospital: _____

Weight: _____ pounds _____ ounces _____ inches

Parents: _____

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Clan: _____

Tribal Town: _____



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Native scholarship opportunities 2010

Media Release

Office of Asst. Sec. of Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C., — Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk today announced that the Indian Affairs program to recruit and train American Indian and Alaska Native postsecondary students in the field of energy and natural resources management is accepting applications for twelve internships in its 2010 class. The application deadline is March 15 for an internship period beginning May 25 through August 6.

"Indian Country's young men and women are the future leaders of their tribal nations," said

Echo Hawk, "and as such they will play a critical role in shaping the future of tribal energy development. This internship program is intended to help prepare the next generation of tribal energy and natural resource management professionals."

The Energy Resource Development Tribal Internship Program was started last year by the Indian Affairs Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory. The ANL will provide leadership, educational and networking activities for the interns, who will reside and study on-site at its premier national laboratory located near Chicago, Ill.

"By directly engaging them in the work we do at our facility, this program offers a terrific opportunity for students to learn about science and engineering while gaining valuable employment experience," said ANL Director of Educational Programs Harold Myron.

"Students will be able to take and use these new skills to benefit their own or another tribal community."

Interns will gain hands-on experience working with nationally known scientists in a wide range of research fields including energy resource development, both renewable and non-renewable, and environmental evaluation and analysis of potential impacts from energy resource development activities.

This year's program also will include two Faculty and Student Teams (FaST). The FaST teams will be comprised of one faculty member and two to three students each. This approach will provide collaboration and hands-on research opportunities in mutually beneficial research areas for faculty members and interns.

The program's purpose is to increase the number of American Indians and Alaska Natives who can effectively manage a tribe's energy and natural resources. It also provides an opportunity for American Indians and Alaska Natives to train for careers in the science and engineering professions, two fields where they are underrepresented.

Applications are currently being accepted through a rolling admissions process through the ANL's website at http://www.dep.anl.gov/p_undergrad/TribalInternships. The deadline is March 15, 2010. For more information, contact the ANL Division of Educational Programs at (630) 252-4114.

For more information about IEED programs and services, visit <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/index.htm>.

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For more information on filling your Census information, contact the Tulsa census office at (918) 887-3420

Oklahoma Thunder honors Creek player

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKLAHOMA CITY — While eating lunch in a Tulsa area Chinese restaurant, Jeremy Gray was recruited to play football, every sports enthusiasts dream.

"I was in Tulsa eating at a Chinese food restaurant and this guy came up to me and said, 'You have the right size we need for our team' and I had no idea what he was talking about," said Gray.

The team turned out to be the Oklahoma Thunder, a local minor league football team which is a member of the World Football League (WFL).

Gray researched the team's web site (www.oklahomathunderfootball.com) and met with the team prior to becoming a valued team member.

The Thunder is a two-year-old minor league football team that follows NFL guidelines for play and were previously based out of Skiatook. They now play at LaFortune Stadium in Tulsa, OK.

"We are located in Tulsa, Oklahoma this year," said Gray. "Last year we played all of our games in Skiatook, but we have now moved to the LaFortune Stadium."

The team plays sixteen regular season games a year, between March and August, with room for advancement to playoff games if they have a winning season.

on offense; Prentiss Elliot from OSU and Rico Watkins, a great quarterback. On defense we run a version of Buddy Ryan's 4-6 defense."

The Oklahoma Thunder has begun pre-season workouts with their linebackers, defensive backs, receivers and quarterbacks stated Gray.

The team currently has a fifty-two man roster and has a playoff system just like the NFL.

"The team with the best record hosts the playoff game until the championship; then it's on a neutral site," continued Gray.

The league is not similar to indoor leagues, such as the Tulsa Talons, as they play ball outside, and follow slightly different regulations.

"You get the action of the arena game, because we score so many points and it's so fast, but you have the NFL rules and it's played outside," explained Gray.

Teams that compete in the league hail from Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri and Mexico.

Gray attended Coweta High School and was an All-State player in 1999. Upon graduation, he attended Arkansas Tech and graduated with two degrees. Gray is single and has a four-year-old



Courtesy of Oklahoma Thunder/David Harper

Offensive Lineman Jeremy Gray (Left: Blue uniform #24) battles it out on the playing field against the Tecca Del Monterey team from Mexico City, Mexico during a July 3, 2009 regular season game. The Oklahoma Thunder beat the previously undefeated team 38-28. The Thunder which is a Triple-A minor league team, is in their second season and will make their home at LaFortune Stadium in Tulsa for the 2010 season.

"I want to represent myself first and foremost, because I am proud to be a Muscogee (Creek) Indian."
— Jeremy Gray, Thunder Linebacker

"We play eleven man ball," said Gray. "We follow NFL rules so there will be no adjusting to the game if and when we get called up."

"We're considered Triple-A football, similar to the 1A, 2A and 3A in baseball; we're the top level in minor league football."

So far the team is 37-0 in their two-year history.

"Last year we completed the season 17-0; scored 1,086 points and only gave up 58 points on defense. On offense, we're very open. We run a lot of 4 wide, 5 wide sets," explained Gray. "We pull a lot of ball we have some very big names

daughter, Kadence. He began playing football when he was a young tyke, in a family with a history of great athletes. His great-grandfather, Dave Bible, played for the undefeated Haskell Indians in 1928. Gray also had a great-uncle, David Bible who played for Broken Arrow and was an All-State fullback in 1957. His dad, Robert Bush, was a professional wrestler for over fifteen years and was a heavy-weight champion for Oklahoma Professional Wrestlers (OPW). The father and son tag-team wrestling duo were known as Chief Red Eagle and Thunderwolf.

At the end of the 2009 season, the 29 year old Gray was named both Na-

tional Defensive Player of the Year and National Linebacker of the Year. This was quite an honor as he was competing against approximately 20,000 players for the titles.

"When in Las Vegas for the awards banquet, where we were honored, we saw coaches from bigger teams," said Gray. "From one of those teams I had a contract offer, but my coach here matched it. I'm very excited to say I'm staying here."

"I was very honored to receive these awards. To me, to play at our level it's got to be for the love of the game. It's really what propels us," said Gray. "I've always known I've had a knack for something,

with my size and my strength. I feel like I separate myself from a lot of people who are in my position. What I try to do is drive as hard as I can and work as hard as I can."

"I want to be known as the hardest worker, not be the biggest or strongest person out there."

Gray a Muscogee (Creek) Indian is proud of his heritage and wants to be a positive role model for the youth of today.

"Personal plans are that I want to make it to a different level and see what I can do," said Gray. "I want to represent myself first and foremost, because I am

proud to be a Muscogee (Creek) Indian."

"When I attended college in Arkansas, a lot of people didn't have a good picture of what a Native American was. I actually spoke to some classes on what it was like to be Creek Indian."

Gray is a lay coach at Coweta High School and assists Head Coach Steven "Bubba" Burcham with both the offensive and defensive lines for the Varsity football team.

"I love the role model part of it," said Gray. "We don't get rich at this level but when you touch one kids life, it is worth more money than anyone could ever pay me."

OBITUARIES

BUSTER NARCOMNEY



TAHLEQUAH — Funeral services for Buster Narcomey, age 77, were held 1 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Tahlequah, with Rev. Buddy Hunt presiding and Rev. Ronnie Rice reading the obituary.

Interment followed on Friday, Jan. 29, 2010 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery in Fort Gibson. Services were provided by Hart Funeral Home.

Buster Narcomey was born Sunday, March 6, 1932 in Eufaula, the son of Raymond W. Narcomey and Francis (Lewis) Narcomey.

He was baptized at the age of 13 by his father, pastor of West Eufaula Indian Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in the US Army's 45th Division, Company M from 1952 to 1953. He was also a proud member of the 45th Division's undefeated football team. After his Army service, he returned to Oklahoma, and graduated from Eufaula High School in 1953.

On December 24, 1954, he married Betty McMahan in Muskogee, Okla. He continued his football career with two years at Bacone College, followed by two years at Northeastern State University. He graduated in 1956 with a BA in Education. He went on to earn his Master's of Education and a Master's in Counseling from Oklahoma Central State University.

Buster served 27 years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, teaching

and coaching at Fort Wingate, New Mexico; Riverside Indian School at Anadarko; and Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Okla. After retirement from the BIA, he served as a counselor at Tahlequah High School from 1980 to 1995. He was an active member of First Baptist Church in Tahlequah.

Buster Narcomey passed away at his home on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, with his family at his side. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Maxine Flannery; and three brothers, Jerry Narcomey, Elliot Narcomey, and Mickey Narcomey.

He is survived by his wife, Betty (McMahan) Narcomey, of the home; one son, James Patton "Pat" Narcomey and wife Carla of Mineral Wells, Texas; two brothers, Jacob Narcomey and Jackson Narcomey; and two sisters, Brenda Holmes and husband Joe, and Anna Marie Burklin and husband Mike. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Jill Lynn Tunnell and husband Jesse, and Tod Patton Narcomey and wife Tygre; two great-grandchildren, Adam Ryan Tunnell and Cara Ann Tunnell; as well as several nieces, nephews, family members, friends and loved ones.

BIRTHDAYS

WANDA SCOTT



WICHITA, Kansas — Wanda Faye Scott of Kansas celebrated her birthday Feb. 19, 2010. Scott is the daughter of Joseph and Rebecca

Marks and granddaughter of John and Margaret Marks. She went to school in Clearview, Okla.

The theme of the party was 'Love My Siblings.'

Her siblings are Lonnie, Orea, Martha, Linda, Jimmie, Imogene, Joseph, Derea, Addie, Helen, Sylvia, Barbara, Reba and Otis.

LYDIA HARJO



SHAWNEE — A birthday celebration was held on Jan. 17, 2009 at Kaney Chapel UMC in honor of Lydia Chupco Harjo.

Lydia celebrated her 90th birthday with family, friends and church family with various churches joining in to make it a memorable day for her.

Lydia was born Jan. 22, 1920. Her parents are Toney Chupco and Mary Larney, both of whom were full blood creeks. She was born in the home of her father in Hughes Co. She is the youngest of five children. Her siblings were Samuel Chupco, Katie Larney, Nora Burns, and Jennie Kinney. She remembers riding to and from church in a wagon, rain or shine.

Lydia lives in Shawnee. She has four children Wilford and Victor Harjo, Janice Lowe, and (Gerald Harjo-deceased). She has eight grand children, Leslie Lowe, Angie Lowe, Stephanie Rogers, Pacer Lowe, Rhiannon Brunner, Brittany Harjo, Victor Harjo Jr., and Nick Harjo. She also has numerous great

grandchildren. She enjoys spending time at church, singing in Creek and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

ETHAN MARSHAL



TULSA — Ethan Andrew Marshall, son of Lucy A. Marshall, celebrated his second birthday Feb. 7, 2010 with a Elmo theme party at Chuck E. Cheese.

He is the grandson of Floyd C. Marshall Jr., and Diane Marshall and the great grandson of Floyd C. Marshall Sr., and Martha Tachawee Watashe; Paul Featherhat and Laree Snow.

EZEKIEL & RYLAN WYATTS



OKEMAH — Ezekiel Shane Wyatt and Rylan Olivia Wyatt, celebrated their first birthday on Jan. 13, 2010 with a Ni Hao Kai-Lan theme party.

Ezekiel and Rylan are the chil-

dren of Nathan and Carrie Wyatt. They have a brother, Jordan Wyatt.

Maternal grandparents are Wendell and Sheila Coon and paternal grandparents are Bernie and Janet Wyatt

Maternal great grandparents are Jim and Beulah Spain and Lula Coon. Paternal great grandparents are Charles Wyatt, Sr., and the late Beverly Wyatt, and the late Doyle and Pauline Snell.

BIRTHS

BISHOP BERT



MORRIS — Holly Dunn and Brigham Bert announced the birth of their first child, Bishop James Bert. He was born Dec. 27, 2009 and weighed seven pounds and nine ounces and measured 20 and a quarter inches.

Grandparents are George Sr., and Barbara Dunn and great grandparents are Frank and Monica Bert.

**To submit
announcements,
Please mail to:
Communications
Department
PO Box 580,
Okmulgee, OK 74447**

Miss Muscogee Scholarship Pageant set for Friday, June 4, 2010

Media Release
MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Pageant Committee has set the date for the 2010 Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant. The date for the 2010 Scholarship Pageant is set for 7 p.m., Friday, June 4, 2010 at the Henryetta High School Auditorium.

Applications will be available on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov, or at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Human Development Building.

This year, the pageant will be comprised of only 2 categories which will include Miss Muscogee Nation (ages 17-22) and Junior Miss Muscogee Nation (ages 14-17). These young ladies are presented

with a unique opportunity to serve as royalty for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and earn scholarships. Eligible applicants may take pride in knowing they were hand-picked to represent the tribe as a “goodwill ambassador,” while competing for scholarship.

Applicants must be at least one-fourth Creek and willing to appear at events throughout the year such as the Creek Nation Festival. Depending on the age group, applicants must meet certain judging criteria, which are specified on the application.

For more information on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant, please contact KoKo Lowe at (918) 732-7724 or Virginia Thomas at (918) 732-7839.

Parents can now import tax information directly to online FAFSA

Media Release
U.S. Department of Education

WASHINGTON, D.C., — Beginning January 24, 2010, students and parents applying for federal student aid for college will be able to import their tax information directly from the IRS web site to the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid

(FAFSA), according to the U.S. Department of Education. The option will first be available as part of a pilot program designed for first-time and renewing applicants. By the summer of 2010, all 2010-2011 applicants will be able to utilize this online process.

The goal of the Department of Education is to simplify and streamline the application for federal student aid to encourage more students to attend college.

For more information, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.



2010 To Bridge A Gap Conference

Southern Hills Marriott Hotel
Tulsa, Oklahoma
March 29 – April 1, 2010



The conference will be held at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma and will provide opportunities for Tribal and Forest Service leaders to share information about their respective missions, values, program activities, and interests. Topics for this year's To Bridge A Gap will include:

- 1) Hands-On sessions using GPS (Global Positioning System), and GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar).
- 3) Federal Consultation with Tribes: Basics on Best Practices
- 4) Tribal/National Forest Service Programs – What's Working, What Needs Improvement
- 5) Site Protection and Vandalism Issues of Cultural and Sacred Sites
- 6) NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act): Current Gaps
- 7) GIS (Geographic Information System): Benefits for Preservation
- 8) Tribal Environmental Programs and Issues
- 9) National Tribal Historic Preservation Program: Updates and Application Process

For more information including registration forms, please contact Joyce Bear, MCN, Cultural Preservation Department at (918) 732-7731; or Johnnie Jacobs at (918) 732-7835.

Please mail this form along with payment to:

Muscogee Creek Nation
Cultural Preservation Department
P.O. Box 580
Okmulgee, Ok 74447
Fax #: (918) 758-0649

For more information please call Joyce Bear or Johnnie Jacobs, Muscogee Creek Nation, Cultural Preservation Department. (918) 732-7731 or (918) 732-7835

MCN Youth survey now available on-line

Media Release
MCN Chief's Council on Youth

OKMULGEE — Creek Nation's Chief's Council on Youth has created a survey designed specifically for youth 6-12 grade to voice opinions and let us know how much you know about programs offered within Creek Nation. To fill out the survey online just go to the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/youthspeakoutsurvey> or call (918) 224-9307 and a staff member will take your survey information over the phone.

To be eligible for the prize drawing, participants must enter name and address at the end of the survey.

Katcv really likes Pose. So he leaves her a valentine and runs off before she sees him.



When Pose opened her locker she was surprised to see a Valentine card that said "Let's go for a dip Babe" and taped to the back was a circular wrapped gift.



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To be continued...

Doing Business in Indian Country

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MFSI Sovereignty Symposium

• Porwvn, Hompetyv, Pom Vhesaketyv Tos

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Speakers gathered in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound auditorium to address a capacity crowd on the impact both people and the environment play in the role of agriculture at the second annual Food Sovereignty Symposium Feb. 12-13, 2010.

The two-day event hosted by the Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative (MFSI) themed “Porwvn, Hompetyv, Pom Vhesaketyv Tos (Our Seeds, Our Food, Our Survival)” promoted different aspects of farming, gardening, community food projects, farm to school gardening, climate impact, organic farming, traditional meals, corn restoration and traditional seed-saving projects.

The program adhered to the MFSI mission statement, “Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative works to enable the Mvskoke people and their neighbors to provide for their food and health needs now and in the future through sustainable agriculture, economic development, community involvement, cultural and educational programs.”



MNN/Melodie Reader

MFSI Executive Directors Vicki Karhu (L) and Ben Yahola (R) with one of the guest speakers, Dr. Don Wuebbles of the University of Illinois, in the lobby of the Mound Auditorium before MFSI Sovereignty Symposium on Feb. 12, 2010.

MFSI Executive Director Vicki Karhu welcomed the attendees and Mvskoke Citizen and Co-MFSI Executive Director Ben Yahola gave a traditional welcome. After the welcomes, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill sang a portion of a traditional song and gave the invocation.

Attendees were able to learn

about various ways in which they could participate in the growth and production of vegetables and fruits for either business or personal use. They also learned ways in which farming impacts the environment where they work and live.

SEE SEEDS - A6

Nominations for Living Legends now being accepted

Media Release
MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — The 36th Annual Creek Festival is seeking nominees for the Living Legends ceremony that will honor two tribal citizens who have devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek citizens. Several citizens have done great things and never have received recognition. This is an opportunity to honor them while their living.

Two individuals will be selected by a committee from nominations. The committee will consist of the Principal Chief, Second Chief, Speaker of the National Council, all Creek Nation Directors, the Executive Director and the Judicial Branch Judge. All committee members must also be enrolled Creek citizens.

SEE LEGENDS - A4

Emergency Arbor Care Service now available to MCN citizens

Media Release
MCN Risk Management

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is proud to announce the start of the Arbor Care Service Department. Arbor Care is a department designed for all Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens in need of emergency tree trimming and removal.

This department will provide trimming of tree limbs and branches that pose a threat to

electrical and service lines, structural overhangs and any other damage that a tree might present to tribal citizens' property and tribally-owned property.

Arbor Care Services of Muscogee (Creek) Nation may be contacted for assessment by calling (918) 758-8009, (918) 607-4207 or (918) 732-7795.

A2 EXECUTIVE

Legal Notice: CV-2010-02



A3 LEGAL

Legal Notice: JV 2010-01



A4 TOURISM

Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament



A5 HEALTH

National Children's Dental Health month



A7 SERVICES

To Bridge a Gap Conference





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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the marriage of:)
SEJARYEE LEE BEAR,)
Petitioner,) Case No. DV-2009-142
HUGO NERY VARGAS,) Before Patrick E. Moore
Respondent.) Judge of the District Court

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Hugo Nery Vargas

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. DV-2009-142, styled In re the Marriage of Sejaryee Lee Bear, Petitioner and Hugo Nery Vargas, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage* from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner on or before the 11th day of March, 2010, or appear at the hearing on the 11th day of March, 2010 at 10 o'clock A.m. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in **her** *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of January, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District
By: Jobie King
(Deputy)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the marriage of MOORE:)
WHITNEY LYNN MOORE,)
Petitioner,) Case No. DV-2009-89
DANTE DNARDO MOORE,) Before Patrick E. Moore
Respondent.) Judge of the District Court

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Dante Dnardo Moore

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. DV-2009-89, styled In re the Marriage of Whitney Lynn Moore, Petitioner and Dante Dnardo Moore, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage* from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner on or before the 8th day of April, 2010, or appear at the hearing on the 8th day of April, 2010 at 10 o'clock A.m. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in **her** *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of February, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

By: Sharon McIlennan
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

District Court filings for December 2009

The District Court filings from Dec. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2009 are as follows:

Ex-Parte:

Marissa Harjo v. Michael Sullivan

Ex-Parte

Criminal Misdemeanor:

MCN v. Jim Teague

Ct. 1: Cheating by Check

MCN v. Jeremy Davis

Ct. 1: Public Intoxication

Criminal Felony:

MCN v. Katrina McManus

Ct. 1: Possession of Illegal Drug

MCN v. Stephanie Mosquito

Ct. 1: Cheating by Check

MCN v. Tiffany Wader

Ct. 1: Possession of CDS

Traffic:

MCN v. Floyd Dawels

Ct. 1: No Insurance

MCN v. Martha Scott

Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct

MCN v. Mary Scott

Ct. 1: DUR

MCN v. Mary Scott

Ct. 1: Expired Tag

MCN v. Mary Scott

Ct. 1: No Insurance

MCN v. Brandy Medrano

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Ct. 1: DUS

MCN v. Eric Parrott

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MCN v. Timothy Arnold

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MCN v. Patricia Cleveland

MCN v. Amanda Cole

MCN v. Randell Cowan

MCN v. Cullen Bendele

MCN v. Rosie McQuarters

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MCN v. Freddy Kawill

MCN v. Matthew Lawson

MCN v. Joshua Kouplen

MCN v. Andrew Watson

MCN v. Pedro Valazquez

MCN v. Shawn Gray

MCN v. Larry Davis

Ct. 1: Starting, Turning,
Stopping without Regard to Safety

Ct. 1: Speeding

Ct. 1: Expired Tag

Ct. 1: No Driver's License

Ct. 1: No Insurance

Ct. 1: DUS

Ct. 1: DUS

Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct

Ct. 1: No Insurance

Ct. 1: Expired Tag

Ct. 1: Expired Tag

Ct. 1: No Insurance

Ct. 1: DUS

Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct

Ct. 1: Possession of Alcohol

Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct

Ct. 1: Expired Tag

Ct. 1: No Driver's License

Ct. 1: DUS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Plaintiff,

vs.

1) ladder with attached metal stand,
1) camo net, 1) canvas strap,
1) 55 gal. deer feeder,
1) Wildgame Innovations SN#0255060900555

Case No.: CV 2010-02

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NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENDED FORFEITURE


THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION: Thomas McIntosh, HC 63 Box 226B, Eufaula, OK 74432 and all others claiming an interest in the above described property.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has seized and intends to forfeit the above described property under the provisions of MCNCA Title 22,§2-102, et seq.

Said property was seized on or about the 5th day of November, 2009, from said Thomas McIntosh and forfeiture is sought for the reasons that said property was used to harvest wildlife on or over a baited area;

The owner, claimant or other party in interest may file a verified answer and claim to the above named property within forty-five days of notice after which time the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will move the Court for an Order of Forfeiture for said property.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brett E. Gray, Assistant Attorney General
PO Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 295-9720

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

F.V.; DOB: 10-27-92

Alleged Deprived Child.

Case No. JV-2010-04

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JUVENILE SUMMONS

THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: Glenn Dale Carney/ Unknown Father
1320/1420 N. Collins
Okmulgee, OK 74447

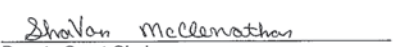
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above-named child is a deprived child and that, as the parent of said child(ren), you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 4th day of May 2010 at the hour of 10:00 A.M. for an adjudication hearing and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

Issued this 26th day of February, 2010.


Shavon McLemath
Deputy Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court

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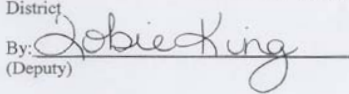
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Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of January 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

By: 
Jobie King
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

T.H.; DOB: 11-30-99
K.H.; DOB: 03-23-01
M.H.; DOB: 05-20-08

Alleged Deprived Children.

Case No. JV-2010-01

JUVENILE SUMMONS

THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: Marquis Combs, Natural Father as to M.H.
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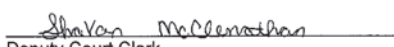
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above-named children are deprived children and that, as the parent of said child(ren), you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 26th day of April at the hour of 10:00 A.M. for an adjudication hearing and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

Issued this 3rd day of February, 2010.


Shavon McLemath
Deputy Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court

[Seal]



Letter from MNN Editor:

Hesci readers!

March is probably best known to Creeks as the month wild onion dinners are in full swing. I hear Salt Creek in Holdenville is pretty hard to top. Maybe we should start a wild onion cook-off one day? I think I could find a few people to volunteer as judges.

I hope that many of you got a chance to attend the 2010 Census Kick-Off here at the complex at the beginning of the month. As a member of the Census Committee, we have learned how crucial the information is to supplemental funding of our tribe for programs such as housing, health care and education.

When the last Census came around in 2000, I was 13 years old. I had to rely on my parents to ensure that MuscogeeCreekNation was written properly so that we counted. Who knew that 10 years later, the information they reported could effect scholarship opportunities and even my paycheck as an employee today?

It puts things into perspective, so when you're filling out the Census, be sure to think about where you'd like to be in 10 years and also where you would like to see the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as well.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720

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Co-ed employee softball tournament

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Tourism & Recreation will host a Co-ed Employee Softball Tournament at the Claude Cox Omnplex Softball Fields located in Okmulgee on Saturday, April 3, 2010 beginning at 9 a.m.

The cost will be \$10 per player. For registration and rules, par-

ticipants may swing by the Office of Tourism & Recreation at the main complex or send an e-mail to: tourism@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Prizes will be given for first and second place teams.

For more information, please contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732 7992.

Legends

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Nominees must meet the following qualifications:

- Must be a Creek citizen
- Must be at least 55 years of age

and

- Must have devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek

people or Creek Nation government in areas such as art, crafts, politics, education, and ceremonial/religious leaders.

The committee will select two individuals from submitted nominees and honor them during on Fri-

day, June 25th at 5:30 p.m., on the Local Stage at the Claude Cox Omnplex. All nominees must be submitted to the Office of the Principal Chief at: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Deadline: Wednesday, May 26, 2010.

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TOURISM & RECREATION



CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 17TH, 2010
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: CLAUDE COX OMNIPLEX
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For Additional Information Contact: Dustin Hammitt (918) 732-7992 or William Proctor (918) 758-6495

2010 MCN TOURISM & RECREATION VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

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For more information on filling your Census information, contact the Tulsa census office at (918) 887-3420

The importance of family meal time

Crystal Kaiser, MS, RD, LD,
Eufaula Diabetes Program

EUFULA — As a dietitian at the Eufaula Indian Clinic, I have the privilege to go to the Eufaula Boarding School. The program we teach is called P.R.I.D.E. (Preventing and Reducing Indian Diabetes Everyday). One of our recent lessons was about family meal time. The children spoke up in the discussions and some of their questions and resulting answers are presented here for other family members to hear.

“Why is it important for us to eat a family meal together?” Having family meals is a great way to promote good eating habits. Turn the T.V. off, set around the kitchen table and talk

about your day. Regular meals are a way to introduce new foods to children and to ensure that they are offered healthy foods to eat daily. Preparing plates in the kitchen and taking them to the table discourages second helpings.

“What if our parents want cook and we have to eat out?” If you have to eat out then choose healthier options. Don't put cheese on your burger, use mustard or light mayo, choose the kids meal or smaller burger. Get chicken without the breading like grilled chicken. Pick sugar-free beverages. Whether you eat at the restaurant or take the food home you can still set and eat together as a family!

“What if we are at school and the only food we have is not healthy?” If lunch is not healthy then choose more vegetables and fruits from the salad bar and fill up on them first. If you're still hungry, eat smaller portions of the foods that may be less healthy.

Eating healthy does not have to be hard or time consuming just think about your choices! Even when you have to eat out you can still make good choices and eat together as a family.

Contact the dietitian at your local MCN clinic to help you design your own healthy eating plan.

OIHC celebrates National Children's Dental Health month

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Creek Nation Head Start children learned about good oral health at the puppet and video presentation by Dr. Jamie Campbell and staff of Okmulgee Indian Health Clinic (OIHC) on Monday, Feb. 8, 2010 at Okmulgee Head Start located at the tribal complex.

Children from both Yardeka and Eufaula Head Start facilities met at the complex to watch the puppet show and videos presented for National Children's Dental Health Month.

Approximately 70 children and 15 adults attended the event.

Dr. Campbell introduced her puppet friends Buck and Flossie who talked to the kids about the importance of having “happy, healthy smiles.”

Flossie and Buck discussed how people use teeth to eat, smile, talk and chew. Buck went on to say that with healthy teeth, his smile looks nice and happy.

Kids watched a video entitled “Geena's Tremendous Tooth Adventure” in which Geena Giraffe falls asleep and has a bad dream about losing her new big girl tooth to the cavity bugs brought about by a large gorilla “King Cavity”



MNN/Melodie Reader
Tooth Fairy Melissa Williams stresses the importance of a “Sparkle Smile” to children at Okmulgee Head Start on Feb. 8, 2010.

who has green and decaying teeth.

Then Tooth Fairy made a surprise visit and helped teach the kids the importance of a “sparkle smile” by brushing, using fluoride toothpaste and flossing at least two times a day.

“Cavity bugs favorite thing to eat is sugar,” said Tooth Fairy Melissa Williams. “You should try to not eat a lot of sugar. I know we all like pop and candy, but eating healthier things such as fruits and veggies will be better for you and help you have strong, healthy teeth.”

“The staff wanted to do something

different for National Children's Dental Health month,” said Campbell. “We wanted a more hands on approach than we have taken in past years with crayons and coloring pages. Melissa had the idea of a puppet show and we just went from there.”

OIHC plans on conducting a similar presentation in March to the Office of Child Care.

For more information on Children's Dental Health Month contact the Okmulgee Indian Health Clinic at (918) 758-1926.

Jump Rope for Heart

Kimberlee Little
Eufaula Diabetes Exercise Program

EUFULA — Students at Stidham and Mounds will jump rope to fund research for heart disease and stroke in the “Jump Rope for Heart” from January to March. The students are raising money for the American Heart Association and are helping celebrate the 30th anniversary of the fund-raising event. Donations raised during Jump Rope for Heart help fund research to fight heart disease and stroke and also support the American Heart Association's public and professional education programs. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in America and stroke is No. 3.

Each year, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Diabetes Program sponsors two Jump Rope for Heart Health Fairs through the Hop to Stop Diabetes Programs. A variety of organizations will be invited to set up a booth at the schools to provide information to students and parents about how to be safe and healthy.

In conjunction with the health

fair, students who participated in our Hop to Stop Diabetes Program will be performing their jump rope routine. Students participating in Jump Rope for Heart will also be jumping rope to earn prizes. Jump Rope for Heart is a program that promotes physical fitness and heart health through the fun activity of jumping rope. We will introduce jumping rope as an alternative sport. This event is made possible by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

If you are interested in seeing what Jump Rope for Heart is like, please feel free to drop by one of our scheduled events on the following dates:

- Stidham School Gymnasium - Monday March 8, 2010 from 6:30-8 p.m.
- Mounds School Gymnasium - Tuesday March 23, 2010 from 6:30-8 p.m.







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Letters to the Editor

How Far is Too Far

OKMULGEE — Because of severe sensitivities to chemicals and smoke, at the age of sixty-nine, I was looking for a place to live that was smoke free. I inquired at the Creek Nation Elderly Housing and was assured that it was a smoke free facility. So on Feb. 2, 2005, I moved into the duplex at 2971 Poloske Circle, in Okmulgee Okla. A litter over a month later I got a new neighbor who smoked, which at the time I offered to move but was told everything would be alright, but that was the beginning of a long five years of attack after attack of respiratory, heart and blood pressure problems, undue trips to the clinic, doctors offices, ambulances calls, only to be told “There’s something wrong with you.” Ignoring the fact that there really was physically something wrong from the smells. Of course I became the laughing spectacle of “Poloske Circle,” when I truly believed they were trying to help resolve my dilemma. Integrity and Accountability was beginning to look mighty strange, sincerity had begun to have signs of a smoke screen.

There were countless days and nights of sleeping in my car and living two years in my small storage building and after almost five years wit the same medical problem due to the smoke free policy being a farce, I still don’t have a place to call home. Even though I moved across the street in 2007 nothing has changed, but has become worse and even with a doctor’s statement requesting a chemical and smoke free environment, this too seems to be amusing and laughable, “and that it has no significances at all.”

I’ll be 74 in 2010, now with five years gone by, some old, same old, when I do come back, I still have to sleep in my car and somehow I’m beginning to realize “there ain’t something right about this picture.” I can’t

keep leaving all my doors and windows open all year round just to live, so I go to my three children’s homes to get some relief, yet the problem is not resolved after all this time.

With limited income it has been difficult to move from one place to another even here, and I been told there is no place for me here away from smoke, and there’s no agreement that they would not move another smoker next to me again. I’m getting too old to play musical house moving just to get into the same situation, so until I have a way of escape from here, my next move is to go back into my 8’x 12’ storage building where I can at least get some sleep.

One’s preference to “Smoke or not to smoke,” is OK by me, but I can’t join in with them, my life is on the line if I do. If “Smoke-Free,” had been a “bona fide contract,” there would have never been all this “passing the buck, blame-gaming, hide and seek, hurt and mockery, of every kind to try to justify, an injustice.”

If there is no integrity, there is no accountability and without accountability there is no structure, then all that remains are “Life’s little smoke screens.” When do we become our brother’s keeper? True love for our fellowman is, “God’s Integrity.”

— Glenda R. Bishop

Thank you to Arbor Care Services Department

HENRYETTA — Dear Editor,

I would just like to let the Chief and Rocky Lee know what a great and much-needed service for the Creek people — especially for these old gals like me — the tree service is.

Rocky and crew removed a large tree limb from my neighbor’s roof following the ice storm and I am on the list for more work. I will gladly wait. Maybe we need another crew. Keep up the good work.

— Geneva Harris

Seeds

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In the lobby, attendees were able to peruse the tables of vendors who participated in the event, such as MCN Tobacco Prevention; First Nations Development Institute from Longmont, Colorado; Green Country Buy Fresh, Buy Local from Tulsa; Oklahoma Department of Food, Forestry and Agriculture; ATTRA – National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service from Fayetteville, Ark.; and Urban Harvest from OKC and learn about different ideas and sustainable techniques available in the current market.

Speakers for Friday, Feb. 12 included Dr. Don Wuebbles of the University of Illinois on Climate Change Facts, Bruce Edwards of Urban Harvest on Agricultural Solutions to Climate Change, Steven Bond Chickasaw Nation Ethno-Botanist on Southeastern Indigenous Agriculture and Food History, Ken Meter of Crossroads Resource Center on Economics of Sustainable Agriculture, Chris Kirby of OK Department of Food Forestry and Agriculture on Farm to School and Demand for Local Foods in Oklahoma, Barton Williams, farmer on Wilson Community Food Project, Bud McCombs local gardener, fisher and hunter with the Eufaula Community Food Project, and Sally Auger and Diane Wilson of Dream of Wild Health on Organic Farm and Traditional Seed-Saving Project.

Saturday, Feb. 13 speakers included Emily Oakley and Mark Appel of Three Springs Organic Farm on Successful Small Oklahoma Farm, Mike Oakley and Frank Butler, local ranchers on OK Farmers and Ranchers Association, Guillermo Vasquez a Mayan Farmer on Indigenous Permaculture, Rupert Nowlin Arapaho Rancher on Buffalo and Grass-fed

Cattle, Chumona Deere cooked a traditional meal and gave description of the food items, Melissa Harjo-Moffer Mvskoke Farmer and Traditional Cook presented Cooking Mvskoke Foods, Clayton Brascoupe Organic Farmer and Director of Traditional Native American Farmers on Traditional Farming and Permaculture, Deb Echohawk Pawnee Keeper of the Seeds on Pawnee Corn Restoration Project, Teresa Maurer, ATTRA and Alan Ware, OK AG Mediation Program on Info Resources and MNN Columnist and Professor James Treat on Communicating Environment in Mvskoke Country.

There were approximately 250 attendees between the Friday and Saturday seminars.

While not many questions were posed during the symposium, MFSI did receive many comments concerning the event.

“I didn’t have many questions asked,” said Karhu. “I did receive many comments that climate change was important and that people were inspired by most all of the speakers.”

However the speakers at the symposium were astonished by the variety of information available at the event.

“The speakers were blown away by it. They loved the mix of culture and science, local folks with national experts and farming/ ranching info with other food related topics,” said Karhu. “All of the out of town folks really enjoyed getting to know about the Muscogee Nation and the people here. They are impressed with the work that MFSI is doing and all agree that we are a great model for communities, Native and non-Native, across the nation. We were very proud of the reaction from our guests. Several of them are leaders in the national and regional food movement.”

Next year, organizers hope to improve upon the symposium by allowing longer breaks for networking and perhaps a larger venue to accommodate the crowds.

“We had about four times the

amount of people that we did last year,” said Karhu. “We’re very excited about the growth and interest in this area.”

Simultaneously, MFSI Youth Coordinators Adam Recvlohe and Chako held their first Youth Track Symposium at various locations throughout the tribal complex.

On Friday, 20 youth participated in the Youth Track with an additional 30 youth at the Saturday event.

“The younger kids enjoyed the outdoor activities such as throwing the atlatle and learning about bow-making from the Bow Shooters Society,” said Recvlohe. “During Friday and Saturday night, we had an open mic and a concert. The younger kids were really impressed with some of the local talent and a few youth performed as well. The young adults got a lot out of the discussion and how they can impact their local communities.”

Workers hope to host another youth symposium next year but plan to fine-tune the age category.

“We would like to implement more practical hands-on workshops,” said Recvlohe. “So knowledge can be readily applied and used when they go home.”

“This first attempt at a Youth Symposium sought to bridge the gap between a broad historical and cultural awareness and the specific needs of our local communities in terms of food sovereignty and revitalizing traditional agriculture,” said Chako. “However, we found it difficult to reach such a lofty goal with such a broad age range. Next year we plan to narrow our focus and work toward greater local participation.”

The symposium ended with a youth message from the Symposium Youth Track and a closing message from Pacual Yaxon, Mayan Elder, with the Indigenous Permaculture Project.



9th Annual "To Bridge A Gap" Conference March 29 - April 1, 2010



The conference will be held at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma and will provide opportunities for Tribal and Forest Service leaders to share information about their respective missions, values, program activities, and interests.

Topics for this year's To Bridge A Gap will include:

- 1) Hands-On sessions using GPS (Global Positioning System), and GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar).
- 3) Federal Consultation with Tribes: Basics on Best Practices
- 4) Tribal/National Forest Service Programs – What's Working, What Needs Improvement
- 5) Site Protection and Vandalism Issues of Cultural and Sacred Sites
- 6) NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act): Current Gaps
- 7) GIS (Geographic Information System): Benefits for Preservation
- 8) Tribal Environmental Programs and Issues
- 9) National Tribal Historic Preservation Program: Updates and Application Process

For more information including registration forms, please contact Joyce Bear, MCN, Cultural Preservation Department at (918) 732-7731; or Johnnie Jacobs at (918) 732-7835.

*Guest Speaker
will be*



Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor of
Chickasaw Nation and President of
National Congress of American Indians



Conference Registration and hotel information can also be found on the Muscogee Creek Nation's website at: www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov under bulletins on the homepage.



For more information including registration forms, please contact:
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Saturday March

Hot Seat Drawings (1:30 PM - 4:00 PM)

Electronic Games Tournament (4:30 PM - 6:00 PM)

\$10 Match Play (NOON - 5:00 PM)



FEATURES

SECTION B

March 1, 2010 Edition

Census to be mailed in March

• Kick-off recognizes importance of all citizens' participation

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — March 1, 2010 the 2010 Census was recognized by Muscogee (Creek) Nation administration, staff and officials as the kick-off event invited tribal employees and citizens to learn the proper way to fill out the 10-question document in order to ensure each is counted.

Kick-off attendee William Jimboy said that while he has not received his 2010 Census packet in the mail yet, he intends to fill it out and be counted.

"I heard about the Census on the TV and radio," said Jimboy. "I attended today to see what it is all about."

The Portrait of America Road Tour brought the 2010 Census to the local community of Okmulgee where the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was the first and only tribal nation visited in the state.

Participants were able to make their voices heard by leaving video and audio messages for people across the U.S. to hear by visiting the web site at www.census.gov

When completing the Census form, citizens should remember to write MuscogeeCreekNation as one word (no spaces or parentheses) in the tribal affiliation box or they will not be counted as tribal members.

"I've seen a lot of information on the 2010 Census," said Kick-off Attendee Wyiquita



MNN/Ruth Bible

U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist and Muscogee (Creek) citizen Susan Arkeketa speaks to other citizens, employees and officials on the importance of participating in the 2010 Census which will be mailed in March to all households.

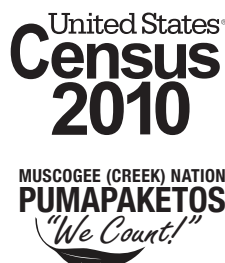
Bear. "I think the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has done a good job in getting the information out there to tribal members so that they can be counted."

In order to accommodate citizens across the jurisdictional boundaries, there will also be Census offices and Be Counted sites set up throughout the Nation where tribal citizens can fill out their

Census forms and find answers to any questions they may have regarding the questionnaire.

"I think that the Census is very important," said MCN citizen Anna Clough, "as it gives an accurate representation of the Native population in the United States and assists with future benefits for Native Americans."

For more information on Census 2010, contact MCN Community Services at (918) 732-7968.



Higher Education applications/renewals due June 1, 2010

Media Release
MCN Higher Education

OKMULGEE — Applications for the 10/11 academic year for higher education funding are now available on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation web site under bulletins for new applicants at <http://www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov>

Applications will be taken through June 1. The Higher Ed Scholarship (BIA) is need-based and students must complete finan-

cial aid and FAFSA before applying (a CDIB card is also required). The Tribal Grant is not need-based. Students may apply for both programs.

Students currently receiving grants with complete files will be sent a renewal form for the 10/11 academic year in April. Students must complete and return the form before June 1, 2010. For more information, call (918) 732-7695, 7692 or 800-482-1979.

MCN Summer Youth deadline set for Friday, April 9, 2010

Media Release
MCN Employment and Training

OKMULGEE — Friday, April 9, 2010 is the deadline for Native American youth to apply for summer youth employment through the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Employment and Training Summer Youth Program.

In order to request and complete applications for the program, all paperwork must be submitted to the office by 5 p.m., Friday April 9, 2010.

For more information or to apply for the program, please call (918) 732-7784, (918) 732-7776 or (918) 732-7775. Office hours are from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Qualifications for the program include living within the Muscogee

(Creek) Nation boundaries, a member of any federally recognized tribe and be between the ages of 16-21.

The program is open to all Native American youth and college students are also welcome to participate. Students enrolled in summer classes may also apply as the office only enrolls students in the program and not summer school. It is the responsibility of each student to contact the JOM sponsor/school counselor to enroll in summer school.

Employers who are who are interested in becoming a host work site for youth, at no cost to them, may also contact the Employment and Training offices for more information. Employers do not have to be Native American-owned.

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Mvskoke Country: Sovereignty begins at home



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MCN employees honored for service



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Sapulpa honors Creek royalty at Homecoming



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Birthday: Sylvia Selmon



Mvskoke Country: Sovereignty Begins at Home

by James Treat

The Okmulgee sky was overcast during the second weekend of February, but the mood inside the Mound Building was considerably more upbeat. People from near and far had gathered for the Food Sovereignty Symposium, which is quickly becoming one of the more important annual events in Mvskoke country.

The program began on Friday morning with welcoming remarks by Ben Yahola and Vicky Karhu of the Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative, organizers of the symposium. They also introduced this year's theme: Porwvn, Hompetvn, Pom Vhesaketv Tos (Our Seeds, Our Food, Our Survival).

All symposium activities were free and open to the public thanks to funding provided by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and both A. D. Ellis and Alfred Berryhill were on hand to welcome participants to the Capitol Complex.

Second Chief Berryhill offered a song and a prayer in the Mvskoke language.

Principal Chief Ellis recounted some childhood memories on the family farm, including a humorous story about unintentional mischief involving jars of produce his mother had canned for the winter.

The first formal presentation, by one of the leading climate experts in the world, reviewed the scientific evidence for global warming and explained how our climate will change in Oklahoma. This was a sobering reminder that food sovereignty is something everyone will be thinking about in the near future.

The speakers who followed presented various strategies for

self-determination in an era of corporate domination.

A renowned food systems analyst detailed the relationship between agricultural production and economic recovery, demonstrating the importance of community-based food networks.

The coordinator of the Oklahoma Farm-to-School Program described how this synergistic venture in local food benefits both growers, who need to make a living, and students, who need to eat better.

The director of Urban Harvest, a program of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, explained how organic gardening and other neighborly practices can help feed those who might otherwise go hungry.

Two leaders from Dream of Wild Health, a native-owned organic farm in Minnesota, explained their effort to cultivate wellness by growing and preserving more than three hundred varieties of indigenous heirloom seeds.

An ethnobotanist from the Chickasaw Nation discussed their Ecological Resources and Sustainability program and offered an overview of traditional foods in the southeast.

All of these presentations were informative and encouraging, but the most enjoyable experience of the day was hearing about two Mvskoke community food projects. Barton Williams from the Wilson Indian Community and Bud McCombs from the Eufaula Indian Community related their efforts to establish community gardens, under the guidance of elders and for the sake of future generations. Williams and McCombs are engaging speakers, and we are fortunate to have such leaders in our midst.

If the highlight of the first day of the symposium involved Mvskoke produce, the highlight

of the second day was Mvskoke food.

On Saturday, we enjoyed a noon meal of traditional dishes prepared by Mary Harjo: meat and hominy, sakkonepke (safke corn and chicken), red beans, homegrown squash and zucchini, boiled cabbage, cvtvhakv (blue corn dumplings), sour cornbread, and safke, with grape dumplings and sweet potato casserole for dessert.

(To borrow the words of a certain red neck comedian: "You might be a Mvskoke if . . . your mouth is beginning to water.")

Chumona Deere described each dish during the meal, and in the first afternoon presentation Melissa Harjo-Moffer explained the preparation of Mvskoke foods. Harjo, Deere, and Harjo-Moffer are gracious hosts, and we are fortunate to have such leaders in our midst.

I'll write more about the symposium in my next column. In the meantime, I have posted the agenda for the Food Sovereignty Symposium 2010—including links to the organizations that participated—at the website below.

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You can find more information about Mvskoke country, including an archive of previous columns, at <http://mvskoke-country.wordpress.com/>

I welcome your comments on anything I've written, as well as your suggestions for things I should be writing about. You can reach me by email at treaty@illinois.edu



Yeager Head Start takes top honors at MCN Language Bowl

Media Release
MCN Head Start

OKMULGEE — The Okmulgee YMCA provided the facility for the MCN Language Bowl held Friday, Dec. 11, 2009 where 13 teams were whittled to two as the finals began at 10 a.m.

Prior to the finals, competitions were held at each head start center during the week of Dec. 7, 2009, where each child was given the opportunity to participate.

The 13 teams consisted of teams made up of from each of the head start centers which are located in Checotah, Eufaula, Okemah, Okmulgee, Morris, Tulsa, Yardeka and Yeager.

Matches of two rounds were played where teams of five players were shown pictures of colors, animals, phrases, numbers, food and body parts, which they had to correctly identify in Mvskoke in order to get a point.

The children had been practicing

their Creek words since the beginning of the school year and the finals were double elimination rounds.

Yardeka, led by Anita Brannum, received third place, followed by Okmulgee Bosylke, led by Amanda Durrett, in second and Yeager, led by Mary Barnett, received first place.

The Language Bowl is a learning experience and a way to keep the Mvskoke language alive for all involved. Parents learn from their children and the program encourages the use of the language in the classroom as well. The next competition will be held in May 2010 where the Head Start Program is looking forward to another fun experience.

For more information regarding the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start Centers, please call (918) 732-7898.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Day 2010

Art Contest!

"Unmask The Stigma"

Mardi Gras Theme

Winner will receive a prize!! Artwork will also be featured at the Children's Mental Health Day Event!

Contest Rules

Artwork should be no larger than 8 1/2 X 11

Be Creative!!

May use any medium (markers, crayons, colored pencils, chalk, etc.)

Please Mail to address below or give to your JOM/Youth Coordinator

Deadline For Artwork to be Submitted is March 12th, 2010!!!

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CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Indian Taco and Rummage Sale

OKMULGEE — March 19, 2010 Peach Ceremonial Ground will host a rummage sale from 8-11 a.m., and an Indian Taco Sale from 11-2 p.m., at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center. Orders will be dine-in or carryout for \$6 (includes dinner, drink and dessert).

For more information please contact Betsy Taryole at (918) 652-6588, (918) 652-8231 or Sally Tiger at (918) 224-5821.

Wild Onion Dinner

TULSA — All Tribes Community Church will be hosting their annual wild onion dinner on Saturday, March 13 from 12-4 p.m., at the Akdar Shrine Headquarters located at 2808 S. Sheridan Rd., in Tulsa.

Arts and crafts space will be available. Prices will be \$8 a plate for adults or two for \$15. Children eight and under will be \$4.

For more information, contact Sue Tanequoot at (918) 237-5888.

Wild Onion Dinner

MORRIS — Big Cussetah Indian Methodist Church is hosting and all-you-can-eat wild onion dinner on March 20, from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m. Prices will be \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under and \$8 for all carry-out orders.

For more information, please contact Miley Hargis at (918) 342-3637.

Native American Pre-Law Day and Native Justice Powwow

TULSA — The University of Tulsa College of Law will host a workshop for prospective Native American law students on Saturday, March 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 11 p.m., located at 3120 E. 4th Place, Tulsa.

For more information please contact lesley-scruggs@utulsa.edu or call (918) 631-3416.

Wild Onion Dinner

BIXBY — Haikey Chapel UMC will host their annual wild onion dinner March 20 from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., on site.

For more information, contact Rev. July Tecumseh at (918) 681-6175.

Native Craft Show

TULSA — Two Native Sisters Company hosts Native Craft Show at Tulsa Creek Indian Community Center, 8611 S. Union, Tulsa. All Native crafters are invited to participate. Concessions will be open. Crafts include sewing, beading, jewelry design, knitting, crocheting, etc.

There will be a \$15 booth fee and canned goods will be accepted for the Hospitality Food Pantry. Participants are asked to bring their own tables and chairs. For more information please call 298-2464.

Wild Onion Dinner

BROKEN ARROW — Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church will host a wild onion dinner at 20854 E. 141st in Broken Arrow, March 27, from 11-3 p.m. Adults - \$7.00, Children 10 and under - \$3.50.

Benefit Yard Sale

OKMULGEE — Okmulgee Indian Health Clinic's 2010 Relay for Life team will host annual yard sale on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., on site, at 1313 E. 20th St., in Okmulgee.

For more information or to donate please contact Christie, Rhiannon or Jeremy at (918) 591-5762 or (918) 591-5754. Proceeds benefit Relay for Life.

2010 To Bridge a Gap Conference

TULSA — The USDA Forest Service and tribal services will host a conference at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel March 29 through April 1, 2010.

Tribal and forest service leaders will meet to share info about missions, values, program activities and interests.

Cost is \$90 for full conference or \$40 per day. For more information

please contact Johnnie Jacobs at (918) 732-7835 or Joyce Bear at (918) 732-7731.

Commercial Tobacco Conference

NORMAN — The Third Annual Preparing for the 7th Generation: The Journey continues in Commercial Tobacco Control on April 7-9 at the National Center for Employee Development located at 2801 State Highway 9, in Norman. There is no registration fee.

Various speakers will address tobacco prevention services. For more information please contact Linda Robertson at (405) 271-3619 or lindaj@health.ok.gov

2010 MCN Scholarship Pageant

OKMULGEE — The Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant is set for 7 p.m., June 2, 2010 at the Henryetta High School Alice Ghostly Auditorium.

Applications will be available soon

at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov or in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Human Development Building.

Pageant categories include Miss Muscogee Nation (ages 17-22) and Junior Miss Muscogee Nation (ages 14-17).

Applicants must be at least 1/4 Creek and willing to appear at events throughout the year. For more information please contact KoKo Lowe at (918) 732-7724 or Virginia Thomas (918) 732-7839.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival

OKMULGEE — The 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival set for June 24-27. Slow-pitch Softball Tournament is set for June 18-20, 2010.

Festival planning is in progress. For more information please contact Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992, (800) 482-1979 or e-mail: tourism@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Belvin Hill Annual Tribal Hymn Singing

TULSA — The annual Belvin Hill Memorial Tribal Hymn Singing will be held at the Tulsa Southern Hills Marriot in the Redbud Room located at 71st and Lewis. The event will take place from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 23. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Virginia Thomas at (918) 732-7839.

Farron Culley Memorial Stompdance

OKMULGEE — On Saturday, March 27th, 2010 at the Okemah Armory from 7— 11:30 p.m. Join family and friends of Farron Culley at a memorial stompdance.

There will be special recognitions, raffles, cake walk, concession, food baskets and various drawings. Emcees will be Eunice Hill from Nuyaka Ceremonial Ground and Kevin (Opv) Mack from Fishpond Ceremonial Ground.

This event is sponsored by the family and proceeds will help sponsor youth activities. Participants are asked to bring their own lawn chairs.



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Veterans' Scoop

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Veterans Affairs Services Office

OKMULGEE — Dear Muscogee (Creek) veterans,

We have started a new feature titled "VETERANS' SCOOP." The purpose of this column is to provide Muscogee veterans with pertinent and current news and happenings and situations.

We will be featuring articles and updates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and other credible sources.

We hope the information and updates provided here will assist our veterans with issues that are changing, and becoming more complex. God bless Muscogee (Creek) veterans.

VA extends "Agent Orange" benefits to more veterans

WASHINGTON – Relying on an independent study by the Institute of Medicine (IOM), Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki decided to establish a service-connection for Vietnam Veterans with three specific illnesses based on the latest evidence of an association with the herbicides referred to Agent Orange.

The illnesses affected by the recent decision are B cell leukemias, such as hairy cell leukemia; Parkinson's disease; and ischemic heart disease.

Used in Vietnam to defoliate trees and remove concealment for the enemy, Agent Orange left a legacy of suffering and disability that continues to the present. Between January 1965 and April 1970, an estimated 2.6 million military personnel who served in Vietnam were potentially exposed to sprayed Agent Orange.

In practical terms, Veterans who served in Vietnam during the war and

who have a "presumed" illness don't have to prove an association between their illnesses and their military service. This "presumption" simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits.

The Secretary's decision brings to 15 the number of presumed illnesses recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

"We must do better reviews of illnesses that may be connected to service, and we will," Shinseki added. "Veterans who endure health problems deserve timely decisions based on solid evidence."

Other illnesses previously recognized under VA's "presumption" rule as being caused by exposure to herbicides during the Vietnam War are:

- Acute and Subacute Transient Peripheral Neuropathy
- AL Amyloidosis
- Chloracne
- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
- Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2)
- Hodgkin's Disease
- Multiple Myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Porphyria Cutanea Tarda
- Prostate Cancer
- Respiratory Cancers, and
- Soft Tissue Sarcoma (other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or Mesothelioma)

Additional information about Agent Orange and VA's services and programs for Veterans exposed to the chemical are available at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange.



Department of
Veterans Affairs



MCN employees honored for service

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — During a luncheon on Feb. 11, 2010 at Okmulgee Golf Club Restaurant, Muscogee (Creek) Nation employees were honored for their years of service.

Employees with 15, 20, 25 and 30 plus years as of 2009 were honored with certificates of appreciation and various gifts presented by Principal Chief A. D. Ellis and Anderson.

"I am very proud of our employees. It takes dedication to work at a job this long," said Ellis. "We appreciate all you do to help the Muscogee (Creek) Nation."

Employees honored with 15 years of service received a certificate, \$25 money order, four hours administrative leave and a watch. Honorees include Sonya Lytch, Kristie Sewell, Diane Thomas, Cynthia Tainpeah, Tina Cates, Kathey Greb, Sharon Immel, Melody Hampton, and James Williams.

Employees honored with 20 years of service received a certificate, \$100 money order, eight hours administrative leave and a pen/pencil set. Honorees include Chanenna Davis, Anita Lowe, Danny Roberts, Barbara West, Flora Jackson and Ruby Johnson.

Employees honored with 25 years of service received a certificate, \$150 money order and eight hours administrative leave. Honorees include Greg Anderson, Danna Minnick, Francile Burnham, Norma Lee and Shelly Hagy.

Employee Honoree with 30 years of service received a certificate, eight hours administrative leave and a Pendleton blanket was Maxine Hill.

Absentee Honorees for 15 years of service include: Georgeann Delaun, Lilly Dyer, Edwina Fisher, Teri Garner, Monica Kidwell and Barbara Woods.

Absentee Honoree for 25 years of service was Stella Feeling.

"Thanks to everyone for coming to this," said Anderson. "It takes a lot to put this together and we appreciate everyone's help."



MNN/Angel Ellis

Pictured from top to bottom are Muscogee (Creek) Nation employees who were honored for their 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service with the tribe.

Sapulpa celebrates Homecoming with Creek royalty

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

SAPULPA — Sapulpa High School celebrated “Winter/Spring Homecoming” versus Union Feb. 5, 2010 with the crowning of Kim Harris and escort J.T. Barnett as Homecoming Queen and King.

Both Harris and Barnett were surprised at the honor as they had anticipated just being participants in the homecoming proceedings.

“We were just standing there talking to each other when they called our name,” said Harris. “We were really surprised.”

“We didn’t really think we were going to be named King and Queen but it’s pretty nice,” said Barnett.

The two seniors were pretty laid-back discussing the coronation ceremony and the attention they have received after the event.

Blushing, Harris discussed the fact that they were good-naturedly teased about the kiss and being crowned King and Queen by their friends.

“We’re teased some by our friends about it,” laughed Harris. “But they’re not being mean or anything. They just give us a hard time because we’re friends and we were crowned Queen and King.”

A unique aspect of the event is that both students are members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

“This is the first time that a Winter/Spring Homecoming event has

crowned both a King and Queen of Muscogee (Creek) Nation heritage,” said Sapulpa Indian Education Program Director Ray Rodgers. “We’re very proud and excited about that.”

Amber Pickering with escort Garrett Smith. Flower girl was Allie Brose and Ring bearer was Isaac Womack.

Senior attendant Miss Kim Harris was crowned Winter/Spring Homecoming Queen before a large crowd. Kim’s guardians are Johnny and Kristin Bilby. She is president of FCA, a member of FCCLA, Student Council and is on the Principal’s Advisory Committee. Kim is ranked in the top 33% of her class and has been honored as Kiwanis’s Student of the Month. Kim spends many hours as a volunteer for the youth softball fields and at a veterinarian clinic. She serves food to the homeless and cleans yards and homes for elderly and disabled community members.

Kim enjoys sports and any activity where she can work with and help

others. After graduating from SHS, Kim plans to attend Oklahoma State University to major in Family and Child Development.

Kim was escorted by Senior J.T. Barnett, son of Steven and Dode Barnett. Barnett is the leading receiver of the SHS football team. He was on the 2009 All-District and 2009 OCA All-Star teams. After graduation, Barnett plans to pursue a degree in Physical Therapy at South Western Oklahoma State University or Northeastern State University.



Courtesy of Box Portrait Gallery

Sapulpa High School seniors and Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens J.T. Barnett and Kim Harris are all smiles as they are crowned “Winter/Spring Homecoming King and Queen before the Feb. 5, 2010 basketball game versus Union.

The Royal Court included Sophomore Attendant Miss Madison Mercado with escort Kendal Davis, Junior Attendant Miss Jessica Rentz with escort Max Brashears, Junior Attendant Miss Cassidy Sherwood with escort Trevor Toliver, Junior Attendant Miss Jessica Wallace with escort Max Ramsey, Senior Attendant Miss Courtney Evans with escort Trevor Hall, Senior Attendant Miss Darby Freeman escorted by Cayden Dare, Senior Attendant Miss Kelsey Moreno with escort Michael Howard, Senior Attendant Miss

Patch-Worked Circumstance to be featured through March 18

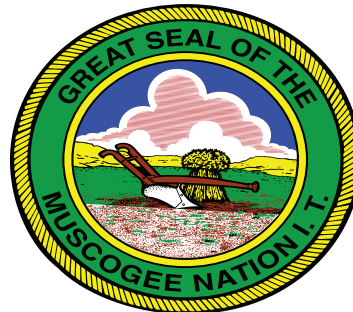
Media Release
Randi Narcomey

TULSA — Randi Narcomey’s Patch-Worked Circumstance will be available for viewing through March 18, Mon. - Fri. 830 a.m. - 430 p.m., in the Alexandre Hogue Gallery located at 2935 East 5th Street in the Philip’s School of Art Building. For more information, please call (918) 631-2739

According to Narcomey, “Culture is slowly losing to more modern ideals and thoughts but this is not simply ex-

plained away by a lack of interest by our own but instead of a historical battle that many Native people are still fighting, Self Identity. We have been woven and quilted into histories product and explanation. Through the past and into the future our lives have been changed due to the lack of understanding that went on centuries ago. This is what continues to travel down the bloodline, like the recycled imagery of media.”

DEDICATION OF THE BRONZE STATUE FOR MUSCOGEE WOMEN VETERANS



**10:00 AM
FRIDAY, 26 MARCH 2010**

All Muscogee Veterans are encouraged to attend our tribe’s Women Veterans Statue Dedication at the Veterans building, Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Please call
Ken Davis (918) 732-7739
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or Shawn Taryole (918) 732-7745
to log in your attendance. Mvto.

OBITUARIES

MARY JANE HARJO



HOLDENVILLE — Mary Jane Harjo was born January 16th, 1930 in Wetumka, Oklahoma to Johnny Harjo and Rosie Harjo. She passed away Monday, Feb. 22, 2010 in Holdenville, Oklahoma at the age of eighty years, one month, and six days.

Mary Jane dedicated her life to caring for her home and family. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, working puzzles and playing dominoes. Her parents, and one sister, Celia Mitchell, preceded her in death.

Survivors are her daughters: Nellie Butler of Tulsa; Elizabeth Deere of Wetumka; Betty Hicks of Tulsa; Janice Green of Weleetka; Melissa Harjo Moffer and husband, Brent, of Wetumka; Alice Ross of Purcell and Helen Harjo of the home; two sons: Tommy Harjo and wife, Mary, of Holdenville and Roy Harjo of Tulsa; and a brother, Jacob Harjo of Oklahoma City. Mary Jane also leaves twenty-six grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral services are to be held at 2:00 PM, Friday, February 26, 2010 at Hudson-Phillips Chapel with Reverend Jimmy Anderson officiating. Pallbearers are grandchildren: Benjamin Powell, Ed-

win Jackson, Derek Harjo, Johnny Harjo, Lee Ross and Cody Muniz. Mary Jane will be laid to rest at Many Springs Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home.

An on-line guestbook is available at PhillipsFuneralService.com.

CLIFFORD DOYETO



TULSA — Clifford "Chief" Doyeto was born Dec. 11, 1942, in Anadarko, Okla.

He passed away on February 18, 2010, in Tulsa, OK. Cliff was a retired teacher of 20 years and a national award winning artist of which his work has sold world-wide and he has helped many people in fund raising events through his art. One work of art titled "In Memory Of..." was used to raise money for the people of Oklahoma after the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

He raised \$80,000 working with Gov. Keating to help the children that lost a parent in the bombing. The original painting hung in the state capital for many years. Helping people was his goal in life and this goal he mastered well. Cremation Society of Oklahoma.

His artwork is displayed in mural form in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound Building at the east entrance and was once used as the masthead of the *Muscogee Nation News*.

BLANCHE BEAVER

LAWRENCE, Kansas — Blanche Yeager Beaver, 75, was a longtime resident of Morris, Okla., and later moved to Lawrence, Kansas due to health reasons. She passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010 in Lawrence, Kansas.

Beaver was born on Nov. 19, 1934 in Seminole, Okla., to Rev. James and Rosie (Alexander) Yeager. She was very involved in her church and loved playing the piano.

Blanche graduated from Eu- faula Boarding School and Haskell Institute. She then attended Tulsa University and later married William (Oscar) Beaver soon after.

Blanch worked for the Federal Civil Service for over 20 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Mabel McNac of Morris.

Survivors include six daughters: Della Beaver Walkingsky and husband Corbett of Mesquite, Texas, Anita Beaver Daney and husband Stephen of Lawrence, Kansas, Reta Beaver Brewer and husband Richard of Lawrence, Kansas., Karen Beaver Geyer of Lawrence, Kansas, Terri Beaver and Nelson Begay of Oklahoma City, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. Other survivors include two brothers; Newman Yeager of Las Vegas, Nev., and James Yeager, Jr., of Okmulgee; one sister, Elizabeth Coker, Seminole, Oklahoma and a host of other family members and friends.

Wake services were held on Sunday, February 7, 2010 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., at the McClendon Funeral Home in Okmulgee, Okla.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 8, 2010 at the Big Cussetah Methodist Church in Morris. Burial followed at the Big Cussetah Cemetery under the direction of McClendon Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Pallbearers were William

Beaver, Gino Berryhill, Anderson Berryhill,III, Brant Beaver, Brent Beaver, Del Beaver, John Beaver, Kyle Wittman, Drew Wittman and Gerald McNac.

SHAWN WASHINGTON

SAPULPA — Shawn Christopher Washington was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on October 17th, 1958 to Elmer (Bill) William and Louella Lowe Washington. He passed away on December 31st, 2009. He was a member of Little Cussetah Baptist Church and was baptized in 1967.

Shawn was raised in Virginia and attended Washington-Lee High School. He played soccer for the Kiwanis soccer team. Later, he worked as a skilled landscaper. He was a dedicated caregiver for his mother during her illness and also for his father after moving back to Oklahoma in 2004.

Shawn was a very caring person who thought of other people and always made sure his guests were comfortable. He was also very meticulous and organized with his collections. Shawn was also known for his trivia knowledge. He had a particular interest in pop culture.

Shawn was very proud of his Creek Indian heritage. Often on his visits to Oklahoma, he liked to sit around and talk about his "good ol' days." He so enjoyed hearing his cousin Baby's very scary honka stories. Some of his favorite pastimes included playing chess and collecting chess boards made of glass, wood, and marble. He also had an extensive library of movies and albums, numbering in the hundreds. His unusual talents included the special spices that he used in his recipes, including cocoa in chili, tarragon chicken and nutmeg in his dishes.

Shawn is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents; Walter and Abbey Wilson Washington and Pat and Linda White

Lowe. Aunts and Uncles; LaJunta and Benny Delaware, Esther and Bill Lane, Serena Washington, Billy Jean Washington, Mose Harjo, Raymond Buck and cousin, Jerry Harjo.

Survivors include his Sisters: Robin Washington of the home; Angel Washington of Alexandria, VA; Brother Greg and wife Patty Washington of Sapulpa; Nephews: Buster and wife Sasha Washington, Mark Washington, Nicholas Washington; Niece D'Monique Washington; Aunts; Bernita Buck and Loretta Harjo; Uncles Jerry Washington and Wiley Washington and Special Cousins; Naomi Pickering, Anita Drywater, T.J. Larney, Randy Cleveland, Cissy Echohawk, Anna Mae and Martha Lou Fox and numerous cousins, friends and family.

Pallbearers were T.J. Larney, Kim Howard, Mark Lane, Hayden Lane, Allen Bowen and Tony Faulkner.

Honorary pallbearers were Buster Washington, Mark Washington, Nicholas Washington, Rodney Delaware, Randy Cleveland, and Billy Lane.

Wake services were held at the Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Sapulpa, Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Services were held at Little Cussetah Baptist Church, Thursday, Jan. 7 at 1:00 p.m. Services officiated by Rev. Jimmy Alexander. Burial followrf at Little Cussetah Baptist Church Cemetery.

**To submit
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BIRTHDAYS

SIMON HARJO



TULSA — Simon Chebon Harjo celebrated his birthday on Valentines day, with a “Shrek 3rd” theme party.

He is the son of Rachel Harjo and Marvin Alexander. Simon is the grandson of Jerri and the late Jimmie Harjo. Great grandparents are the late J.W.Harjo and Naomi Harjo, and the late Patsy and Ralph Horton. He is of the Wind Clan the Green Leaf Ceremonial Ground.

SYLVIA SELMON



WICHITA — Sylvia Marks Selmon recently celebrated her 17th leap year birthday on February 29, 2008. She celebrated at the end of February this year however, with a “Loving all siblings,” theme party.

She is the daughter of John and Margaret Marks. Her siblings are Lonnie, Orea, Martha, Linda, Jimmie, Joseph, Imogene, Wanda Faye, Dereaa, Addie, Barbara, Otis and Reba.

BIRTHS

SAVANNAH NELSON



OWASSO — Savannah Nicole Nelson was born on Jan. 14, to Chase and Ashley Nelson. She weighed 8lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Nelson is granddaughter of Mark and Teresa Betche and John and Lotlia Nelson. She is the great granddaughter of Roy and Nedra Brown, Wanda and Ben McCune, Doris and Roy Berg and Donna and the Late Heny Nelson.

KAIDYN CAMP



TULSA — Kaidyn Leigh Camp was born Dec., 24, 2009 at South Crest Hospital. Kenneth and Casey Camp welcomed the birth of their 7lbs. 3 oz., daughter who measured 20 inches.

Kaidyn is the new sister of Chylay Camp. She is the granddaughter of Chris and Amy Hill, and Roman and Sue Yahola. Camp is of the Bird Clan and the Green Leaf Ceremonial Ground.

ANNOUNCEMENT

RICARDO JOHNSON



OKLAHOMA CITY — Ricardo Cullen Johnson was recently named to the Principal's Honor Roll at Dove Science Academy of Oklahoma City.

Ricardo is the son of Marvin E. Johnson, Jr., of Oklahoma City and the great grandson of the late Jeanetta Barnett Johnson of Beggs.

Johnson is an enrollee of the Euchee Tribal Town.

Birthdays, Births & Special Announcements!

Birthday:

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Address: _____

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Theme of the party: _____

Parents: _____

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Maternal and Paternal grandparents: _____

Maternal and Paternal great grandparents: _____

School: _____

Clan: _____

Tribal Town: _____



Birth:

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Phone Number: (____) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Hospital: _____

Weight: _____ pounds _____ ounces _____ inches

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MCN Challenge Bowl 2010

• Teams test their Mvskoke culture, language and history

Media Release

MCN Johnson O'Malley Program

TULSA — The 2010 Challenge Bowl competitions were held at the Bell Annex in Tulsa, for elementary, middle and high school divisions in February.

The Bell Annex was made available by the Tulsa Indian Education Program and was highly conducive for the games with adequate space for assembly, rooms for competition, volunteer assembly, equipment, bracketing room and a kitchen with ample dining space.

Our thanks go to Tulsa Public Schools for allowing us the use of their facility as the local Okmulgee site was not available this year.

We want to also thank the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Transit Program which donated the use of their bus to transport the volunteers to and from the games each week. They left at 6 a.m., each morning. We are thankful for all the department directors for allowing employees to volunteer because without them we would not have the games.

We thank the 100 volunteers per round. You made it happen. It is through the cooperative effort of our Nation that makes the Challenge



MNN/Mallory Bible

Pictured above are recipients of the 2010 Belvin Hill Memorial Scholarship, Grant Proctor from Wilson High School and Tusa Beaver of Eufaula High School. These students represented their schools and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in the 2010 Challenge Bowl.

Bowl a huge success and we understand this effort benefits our youth.

The Challenge Bowl Committee would like to acknowledge the combined efforts of the National Council and Chief A.D. Ellis in sponsoring this event. The team sponsors and students were excited and impressed to see Chief Ellis along with members of the legislative branch, Speaker Barnett, members of the National Council and Justice Amos McNac at

the competitions. Last but not least, we thank the youth of our Nation that study all year long in preparation for the games.

Each year we award the Belvin Hill Memorial Scholarship to a deserving high school senior. This year, we increased the award to two. Our students are outstanding and worthy of having their essays printed for all to read.

SEE CHALLENGE - A7

Summer Youth deadline set for Friday, April 9, 2010

Media Release

MCN Employment and Training

OKMULGEE — Friday, April 9, 2010 is the deadline for Native American youth to apply for summer youth employment through the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Employment and Training Summer Youth Program.

In order to request and complete applications for the program, all paperwork must be submitted to the office by 5 p.m., Friday April 9, 2010.

Qualifications for the pro-

gram include living within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundaries, being a member of any federally recognized tribe and between the ages of 16-21.

The program is open to all Native American youth and college students are also welcome to participate.

For more information or to apply for the program, please call (918) 732-7784, (918) 732-7776 or (918) 732-7775. Office hours are from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Census 2010 hits Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Rebecca Landsberry

MNN Editor

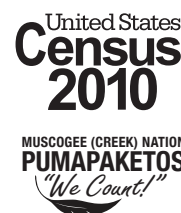
OKMULGEE — The results of a Census affect how more than \$3 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to state, local and tribal governments like the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

According to Susan Arkeketa, U.S. Census Partnership Specialist, the participation in Census 2010 is of major

importance for tribal citizens.

“The Census results not only determine who receives funding and how much, but the data obtained counts for the next ten years,” explains Arkeketa. “This Census campaign turn out - good or bad - will be the guideline used to calculate funding for the next decade.”

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Okemah Community continues services during crunch

Thomas Givens
Okemah Indian Community

OKEMAH — The Okemah Indian Community, under the direction of Mr. Famous Marshall, CEO, continues to provide programs and services to its 1,285 members despite limited funding.

The Community & Social Services Department offers the membership Emergency Assistance, Disaster Relief, Funeral Supplement, Student Transportation Services, Thanksgiving/Christmas Program and hosts the OIC Annual Fall Harvest Festival. Most services provided by the Community & Social Services Department are supplemental services to which the Nation provides.

Since May 2009 or from the inception of the appropriated funds from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council, the Community & Social Services Department has assisted 40 households with emergency assistance (i.e. rent, water, gas, & electric) and one household with burial assistance.

The Native American student enrollment is 414 which represents 44.2% of the total enrollment at the Okemah Public School District, of which, 285 are Creek.

The Education Services Department provides tutoring, school supply assistance, education incentive awards, musical instrument loan program, graduation assistance, general school assistance, and scholarships.

Under Ms. Turner's direction, the Okemah Indian Community employs five certified teachers to tutor and assist students with their school work in areas such as math, history, English and reading. The OIC Education Department set another record breaking landmark with a 145 Native American students achieving the Superintendent and Principal's honor roll for the first semester. This constitutes 35.1 percent of total Native American enrollment.

At Okemah High School, the Este Cate Club has been reactivated and has participated in two field trips. The Education Department sponsored a financial aid workshop for Native

American juniors and seniors with several students and parents in attendance.

Finally, the Education Department has provided school supplies to 206 Creek students and awarded 57 Creek students with gift cards for their academic achievements.

The Youth Services Department is spear headed by Ms. Sunnie Williams, Youth Coordinator. The Youth Services Department sponsors and provides a variety of activities, fund raising events, and excursions for the Community youth. In turn, the youth give back to the Community in a variety of ways, such as mowing grass for the senior citizens and cleaning along the 2 mile strip of its Adopted Highway. For the period June 2009 until February 2010, the Youth Department has sponsored 87 children to participate in little league basketball and football and has sponsored 22 Community boys and girls to attend basketball and cheerleading camps. Ms. Williams, indicated "without the sponsorship of OIC, the Community youth would not have had the opportunity to participate in these types of activities."

The OIC Youth Council meet on the first Sunday of each month. During this time, under its parliamentary procedure, the youth plan, evaluate, and budget for upcoming events. A few of the activities the Youth Council has had are a hunting and safety class, two excursions to Scream Country Haunted House and to the Parade of Lights.

During Christmas, the Youth Council purchased gifts from their fund raising events, visited the local nursing homes visited the Creek elderly citizens, provided gifts and sang Christmas carols. More recently, the Youth Council held its annual Valentine's Dance and had an enormous turnout with 191 people in attendance.

The Senior Services Department is managed by a Senior Committee that meets once a month to plan

various excursion and fund-raising events.

The Seniors have established a Muscogee Language class and meet weekly. Other activities and events sponsored by the Seniors are the annual Mother's Day/Father's Day dinner, and annual Easter egg hunt. The Seniors plan to hold a bean dinner and other fund raising events in order to raise enough money to attend the Native American Council on Aging, to be held at Traverse City, Mich., in September 2010.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council approved two appropriations to the Okemah Indian Community. The appropriated amounts were for two quarter funding cycles. However, OIC has managed to stretch their budget for one year.

Mr. Walter Pigeon, OIC Board Chairman stated "Our Community and staff has seen and gone through budget and financial short falls but have found resources to keep programs operating to help Community members in need. Mr. Thomas Givens, SEO has indicated, "There is a possibility of OIC closing its doors at the end of April 2010 if additional monies are not appropriated."

Mr. Famous Marshall, CEO says "We are fortunate as a Chartered Community to have the present services and programs available to the members. OIC plans to continue services for as long as funds allow. We (the Executive Office) are in the re-designing phase of our enterprises. We hope that those revenue sources will maintain the present and future projects."

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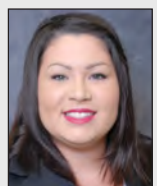
Letter from MNN Editor:

Although it's only the middle of March, it's already time to start thinking about summer plans for our youth. The deadline to apply for the Summer Youth Program is Friday, April 9, 2010. This program is a great way for Native youth to earn a few extra bucks instead of making indentions on the couch playing video games this summer.

Employment and Training also has the College Work Experience Program for upper-division college students looking to gaining valuable on-the-job experience. On a personal note, this program helped to ignite my own passion for serving the tribe, although I didn't know in what capacity that would be until graduation. I am very thankful to the employees and staff there who were so helpful in placing me in an environment where I was challenged and able to grow in my knowledge as a Muscogee citizen and as a professional.

There are quite a few scholarships that close at the end of March, so be sure you have your FAFSA forms filled out and get those college applications in soon! Applications for the 2010-2011 academic year for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Higher Education Scholarships are now available on the Web site at www.themuscogee-creeknation.com through June 1, 2010. For more information, contact the Higher Education Office at (918) 732-7695.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at RLandsberry@muscogeenation-nsn.gov



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE CREEK NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No. DV-2009-89

1) ladder with attached metal stand,
1) camo net, 1) canvas strap,
1) 55 gal. deer feeder,
1) Wildgame Innovations SN#0255060900555

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENDED FORFEITURE

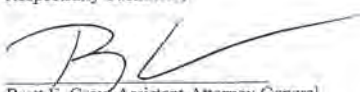
THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION: Thomas McIntosh, HC 63 Box 226B, Eufaula, OK 74432 and all others claiming an interest in the above described property.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has seized and intends to forfeit the above described property under the provisions of MCNCA Title 22, §2-102, et seq.

Said property was seized on or about the 5th day of November, 2009, from said Thomas McIntosh and forfeiture is sought for the reasons that said property was used to harvest wildlife on or over a baited area;

The owner, claimant or other party in interest may file a verified answer and claim to the above named property within forty-five days of notice after which time the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will move the Court for an Order of Forfeiture for said property.

Respectfully Submitted,


Brett E. Gray, Assistant Attorney General
PO Box 580
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 295-9720

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

F.V.; DOB: 10-27-92

Alleged Deprived Child.

Case No. JV-2010-04

JUVENILE SUMMONS

THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: Glenn Dale Carney/ Unknown Father
1320/1420 N. Collins
Okmulgee, OK 74447

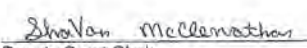
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above-named child is a deprived child and that, as the parent of said child(ren), you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 4th day of May, 2010 at the hour of 10:00 A.M. for an adjudication hearing and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

Issued this 20th day of February, 2010.


Deputy Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court

[Seal]

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the marriage of MOORE:

WHITNEY LYNN MOORE,

Petitioner,

DANTE DNARDO MOORE,

Respondent.

Case No. DV-2009-89

Before Patrick E. Moore
Judge of the District Court

**SERVICE OF SUMMONS
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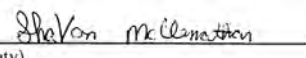
Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Dante Dnardo Moore

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. DV-2009-89, styled In re the Marriage of Whitney Lynn Moore, Petitioner and Dante Dnardo Moore, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage* from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner on or before the 8th day of April, 2010, or appear at the hearing on the 8th day of April 2010 at 10 o'clock A.M. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in *her Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of February, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

By: 
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

T.H.; DOB: 11-30-99
K.H.; DOB: 03-23-01
M.H.; DOB: 05-20-08

Alleged Deprived Children.

Case No. JV-2010-01

JUVENILE SUMMONS

THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: Marquis Combs, Natural Father as to M.H.
Unknown

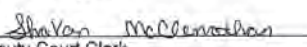
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YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 20th day of April at the hour of 10:00 A.M. for an adjudication hearing and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

Issued this 3rd day of February, 2010.


Deputy Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court

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Veterans' Scoop

Staff
Veterans Affairs Services Office

OKMULGEE — The Veterans' Scoop will feature articles and updates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and other credible sources.

We hope the information and updates provided here will assist our veterans with issues that are changing, and becoming more complex. God bless Muscogee (Creek) veterans.

VA Education Call Center Again Operating Five Days a Week

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the Education Call Center, closed on Thursdays and Fridays over the past two months, is again operating five days a week.

"I am pleased by the progress these call center employees made in significantly cutting our pending inventory of education claims," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "As a result of their efforts, 30,000 additional student veterans received their checks, bought books, paid the rent, and stayed in school."

By temporarily reassigning call center employees on Thursdays and Fridays to process Post-9/11 GI Bill claims, VA was able to complete a significant number of education claims from mid-December through mid-February. The VA's goal was always to return call center employees to their permanent duties.

The decision to supplement claims processing staff by the call center employees was a key factor in meeting VA's aggressive processing goal of Post-9/11 GI Bill claims. As of mid-February 2010, VA's capacity to process Post-9/11 GI bill claims jumped from an average of 2,000 a day in August 2009 to 7,000 a day.



Since inception of this historic new program, VA has issued nearly \$1.9 billion in Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit payments and opened the door to higher education to 209,490 people.

As of Feb. 12, VA received spring semester Post-9/11 GI Bill enrollments from approximately 180,000 student Veterans and already paid nearly 90 percent of them.

All Post-9/11 GI Bill participants whose spring enrollments were received by Jan. 18 have been paid.

Because VA is now processing spring enrollments timely, advance payments are no longer available at VA regional offices or through the online advance payment Web site.

In December when the decision was made to redirect phone agents to claims processing, the number of pending claims was almost 80,000 and timeliness measures were extremely high. The inventory of education claims was driving call volume at the call center to an all time high of 1.26 million call attempts during Nov.

That is why in mid-December 2009 VA temporarily reassigned employees at the VA Education Call Center on Thursdays and Fridays, the lowest call volume days, to help process education benefit claims.

Since that time, the call center demand dropped by 42 percent as student veterans received their payments. The call center received 769,637 call attempts on Monday through Wednesday during the first two weeks in December 2009. By comparison, the call center received 446,328 call attempts on Monday thru Wednesday through the first two weeks in February 2010.

Information is available at VA's Web site, www.gibill.va.gov, or by calling 1-888-GIBILL-1 (or 1-888-442-4551).



Census

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Census questionnaires will be mailed throughout the month of March and if they aren't returned in a timely manner, citizens may receive a visit from a U.S. Census official at their home.

If a census taker visits you, here's what you should do:

- First ask to see their ID. All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name; they may also have a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag

- Note that the census taker will never ask to enter your home

- If you're still not certain about their identity, please call the Regional Census Centers to confirm they are employed by the Census Bureau

- Answer the census form questions for your entire household (you must be at least 15 years old to answer questions) so that the census taker can record the results for submission to the Census Bureau

Census takers visit local homes several times to capture resident information for the 2010 Census. If you prefer, you can schedule a visit with your census taker. Should the census taker come when you are away from your home, they will leave a contact number. If a census taker has not visited your home or you have a question about your participation with the census, call your Census office.

According to Robert M. Groves, Director of the United States Census Bureau, "Conducting the census is an enormous task, and the Census Bureau goes to extraordinary measures to keep all the data we collect confidential."

Census takers will have a flashcard containing a sentence about the 2010 Census written in approximately 50 languages. If a

resident doesn't speak English, the census taker shows the flashcard to the resident, and the resident points to the language he/she speaks. A census crew leader will then reassign the case to a person who speaks that language.

As a reminder, the tribe's name should be written as MuscogeeCreekNation (in English with no spaces between words). Variations and other spellings will not be counted in the U.S. Census (to see an example of how the spaces should be filled, see advertisement below).

Tribal members should also remember to fill out the form on behalf of every person living in the home, including relatives and non-relatives.

There may be various "households" living under a single roof such as one or more families. Each unit should fill out their own Census form with a tribal member listed as the head-of-household.

For more information on Census 2010, contact MCN Community Services at (918) 732-7968.

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For more information on filling your Census information, contact the Tulsa census office at (918) 887-3420

Alzheimer's symptoms: Este Emvkeriskv ehose hakvt

Media Release

MCN Health Division / Language Program

OKMULGEE — Memory loss that disrupts daily life. Nvk ehosetv netta omvkv temv hopvnat.

One of the most common signs of Alzheimer's is memory loss, especially forgetting recently learned information. Nvk ehoskv emenoketv hvnket este emvkerickvt ehose toves, nak hvte emonahoyis lvpken ehosose toves.

Others include forgetting important dates or events; asking for the same information over and over; relying on memory aides (e.g., reminder notes or electronic devices) or family members for things they used to handle on their own. Hvtvm nvk nettv ton nvk estowetv okakat ehoset; nak mitan svpohe haket nake hoccicet monko nat emestvken vnckvkn enpohe haket eyvnicv te towv te tis.

What's typical? Heyvtat estowe maheko toves.

Sometimes forgetting names or appointments, but remembering them later.

Oma hocv este ehocfkv ton nakvte tv tis ehoset, hvtvm reskeret.

Challenges in planning or solving problems. Nak ohvkericet mecetv en yekce hake toves.

Some people may experience changes in their ability to develop and follow a plan or work with numbers. Este svsat nake vkericet, senropote tv enyekce ton hvtvm vhonkvtkv seyvnictv mo enyekce hake toves.

They may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. Hompetv ohoniyetv ton ahuerv ohfeketv ehose toves.

They may have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before. Nak ohh-vkericetv enyekcet haket toves hvtvm nak mecetv semvcewe hake toves.

What's typical? Heyvtat estowe maheko toves: Making occasional errors when balancing a checkbook.

Nak tokaunwv cokv ahonkvtkv semete hosket.

Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure. Nak en cuko mecvt te ton atotketv ton monkat vrepetv tis en yekce haket toves.

People with Alzheimer's often find it hard to complete daily tasks. Este emvkerickvt vwahe hakat netta omvkv tonkon vrepvtet en yekce haket toves.

Sometimes, people may have trouble driving to a familiar location, managing a budget at work or remembering the rules of a favorite game. Omahocv, este atvme svtohkety tis arvte ehoset, toknauwv svkeretv ton nvk vkopvkv tis ehoset toves.

What's typical? Heyvtat estowe maheko toves:

Occasionally needing help to use the settings on a microwave or to record a television show. Omahocv nak snoreckv ton estvhkv mohfullote tv vnckv tis este yaces.

Confusion with time or place. Este estvn arat te sonket onkat hvse akerkv emete hosket toves.

People with Alzheimer's can lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time. Este emvkerickv emvwahat nettv ton oketv hvse vkerkv ovmkat ehose toves.

They may have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately. Nak enkeretv en yekce toves lvpkv hanen omeko nat.

Sometimes they may forget where they are or how they got there. Omvhocv estvn arat ton estowet tvn rorat ehosake toves.

What's typical? Heyvtat estowe maheko toves:

Getting confused about the day of the week but figuring it out later. Nettv ehosvn tot reskeret. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships. Nvk hecat heren

kerrekot hvtvm este tepake fullvte kerhoye kis omet.

For some people, having vision problems is a sign of Alzheimer's. Este heren nvk hecakat enkerv ke kon nat emvkerickat emvwahat senkerkv tomes.

They may have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast. Nak cokv ohhonkv ton, vkerkv ton nak en heckv ton nak semete hake tis omet enyekcvket hake tomes.

In terms of perception, they may pass a mirror and think someone else is in the room. Nvk seheckv hoyvnat tis semvhaket este etvt emvris omet emetehosket akericaket omes.

They may not realize they are the person in the mirror. Ehcet towatet kerrekot este etvt tos komet omaket omes.

What's typical? Heyvtat estowe maheko toves:

Vision changes related to cataracts. Renakvt emvraket toves torwv en sopkvhtke hecetv hakof.

New problems with words in speaking or writing. Opunkv ton hoccicetv en yekce hake toves.

People with Alzheimer's may have trouble following or joining a conversation. Este emvkerickvt emvwahvt opunkv heren punvyeko taye hake toves.

They may stop in the middle of a conversation and have no idea how to continue or they may repeat themselves. Opunvyetv ehoset naken mak towat tes ehoset respoye ko tayet mokvt mitan hvtvm onaye toves.

They may struggle with vocabulary, have problems finding the right word or call things by the wrong name (e.g., calling a "watch" a "hand-clock"). Opunkv ehoset, naken makv hanv te emete hosken etvmin hocetv hucetv toves.

To be continued in April MNN

OIHC to undergo expansion with stimulus funds



MNN/Tyler Roberts

The Okmulgee Indian Health Center will be undergoing renovations beginning in March 2010.

Debrah Isham

Okmulgee Indian Health Center

OKMULGEE — The Okmulgee Indian Health Center will begin an expansion and renovation project this month. The project expansion will add radiology services to the clinic, waiting areas, additional exam rooms, restrooms, and office space for clinic staff. Existing space will be reconfigured to be more efficient and improve confidentiality for patient registration and pharmacy counseling. After construction is complete, an additional provider will be added which will increase patient capacity for the clinic.

Clinic customers should be

aware that: the west entry to the clinic will be closed for several months, the entrance to the Diabetes Program trailer will be on the north side of the clinic only, and patients may be asked to utilize one of the other Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health clinics during the construction project.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) funding for the renovation project.

For additional information, contact Debra Isham, Health Administrator at (918) 758-1926.

'Love Your Heart' event recognizes heart health



MNN/Angel Ellis

The Okmulgee Indian Health Center recently sponsored a 'Love Your Heart' event for Muscogee (Creek) seniors at the local elderly nutrition center in honor of February's Heart Healthy Month where participants were able to get free blood pressure and health screenings.

The Green Scene *Gardening with Kids*

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Gardening with children can be a rewarding way to spend quality time with family. Kids can be very enthusiastic about digging in the garden and learning how to make things grow.

To prepare for a spring garden, gardeners must first amend the soil as needed. Garden stores carry a home soil testing kit or samples may be brought to the local OSU County Extension office where it is tested for a minimal fee.

After soil test results are obtained, adding the amendments is simple. Amendments cover a variety of items, some which contain the nutrients nitrogen, phosphate, potassium and calcium.

Compost, 10-20-10, gypsum, lime and peat moss are items commonly worked into the soil to give plants a plethora of nutrients to feed upon. Gardeners add these amendments by rototiller, shovel or hoe.

Creating your own compost pile is easy. Compost bins are available at stores or on-line. Gardeners may also just start a pile in an out-of-the-way corner of the yard and add to it as needed. Start with some topsoil and add compostable items such as banana peelings, coffee grounds and grass clippings to it throughout the year.

Remember that pH levels (the acidity or alkalinity of the soil) are also important to the health of a garden as plants derive nutrients from the soil at varying pH levels.

For instance, if the pH is too high (around 8.5, alkaline) it may be harder for a tomato plant to obtain proper nutrients than it would be if the pH was neutral at a 7.0 or slightly lower. It is like having a can of food, but no can opener to open it.

Once all test results are complete and the required nutrients are present, grab gear, gloves and kids and head on out to the garden patch.

Depending upon what is growing,

location is important and one should consider soil texture, slope, depth, drainage and availability of sunlight. When planting flowers or vegetables that require full or partial sun, be sure to make the garden spot in a nice sunny well-drained location. At least eight hours of sunshine per day are required for full-sun plants.

For shade plants, dappled sunlight is okay when filtered through the trees. If the soil in the shaded area holds water, be sure to work a bit of sand into the ground, along with compost and amendments to help with drainage.

Let the kids be a part of the entire process. Gathering the soil for testing, picking out the location of the garden, helping plan the layout, choosing seeds, shopping, planting, weeding, watering and harvesting are all part of the process which give the children ownership of the garden and the fruits of their labor.

Flowers and vegetables that are easy for kids to help maintain include marigolds, pansies, sunflowers, coleus, peas, tomatoes, lettuce, bell peppers, herbs, bush beans, cabbage and turnips.

Be sure to always plant seeds or transplants according to directions and after danger of frost is past. Frost date in Oklahoma is usually around April 15. However, cold crops such as potatoes and onions may be planted sooner, around February 15 through the end of March.

Kids enjoy having their own gloves and a trowel and are usually quite happy helping turnover the earth and watch for worms, insects and other critters that tunnel through the ground. Giving kids their own patch of ground to work with instills a feeling of ownership as well.

For more information on gardening for or for story suggestions, contact Melodie Reader at mreader@musco-genation-nsn.gov

Food Distribution hosts healthy tastings in observation of national nutrition month

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — March is National Nutrition Month and to bring awareness of healthy eating habits, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Food Distribution Nutrition Specialist Virginia Williams assembled a Farmers Market booth in the lobby of the building through the end of the month providing fruit and vegetable tastings.

Visitors are encouraged to stop in and get a tasty snack while learning the importance of a healthy diet. Williams has a steady stream of visitors to-date and welcomes more. The theme this year is “Nutrition from the Ground Up” which encourages families to not only eat the correct portions of healthy foods but also to plant and grow their own food.

Eating a variety of colorful vegetables and fruits such as green beans, carrots, apples, eggplant, tomatoes and bell peppers has several benefits for the individual, such as adding fiber, folate, potassium, Vitamin A, Vitamin C and Magnesium. These plants can also be grown in a family garden patch.

The Food Distribution Center serves approximately 2,600 to 3,000 individuals each month and is subsidized by the USDA. Their weekly shipments are utilized at the Okmulgee site and temporary Wetumka site. The new permanent Wetumka site is estimated to open sometime in spring/summer, 2010.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Food Distribution also works with OSU for their “Tailgate” events held in Coweta, Bristow, Eufaula, Sapulpa and Checotah. Dates and times vary per site.

“We have 14 employees here in Okmulgee and three in Wetumka,” said Cruce. “Anita Lowe is our Certification Supervisor, Virginia Wil-



MNN/Melodie Reader

Pictured from left are Assistant Cindi Golightly, visitor Lydiona Coppinger, Program Coordinator Virginia Williams and visitor Mary Hummingbird holding grandson, Jacob Pye who were treated to a fruit and vegetable tasting at MCN Food Distribution.

liams is our Nutrition Specialist and Nelson Harjo is our Warehouse Supervisor.”

Food Distribution Manager Anna Cruce oversees the Okmulgee site and works closely with OSU and the sites to ensure all goes smoothly.

“We work closely with OSU to ensure that all goes well at the “tailgate” sites. We bring a semi-truck full of food to the site and individuals sign-in with a worker who sets up inside the local Indian community center then gives them a printout to present to workers at the truck who then fill the order.”

Income guidelines differ for each household and certification specialists are on-hand at the Okmulgee site to assist first-time participants. Once qualified, families are allowed to shop in the “grocery store-like” facility once a month for their allotted commodities or they can also utilize their local “tailgate” site.

“We have a lot of healthy choices here for families when choosing their commodities,” said Cruce. “We are glad to be able to offer such things as

1% milk and wheat flour along with fresh fruits and vegetables.”

Commodities on-hand include healthy choices such as fresh fruit and vegetables, cereals, canned vegetables, fruits, sauces, and soups, frozen meats and staples such as wheat flour, regular flour, powdered milk, 1% milk, cornmeal and baking mix.

Recipes are also available for those interested. They include ingredients from commodities on-hand in the store, for those who need inspiration when fixing a meal at home.

“We try to make recipes using the ingredients we have in the store, so that families have healthy meal choices,” said Williams.

“Our goal is to have families eat healthy together,” said Williams. “Family meal time seems to be a lost art and we want to encourage families to prepare and eat meals together.”

For more information on MCN Food Distribution programs please call (918) 756-3467 or 1-800-482-1979.

Challenge

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The essays are required as a part of their scholarship application and the winning essays will be featured in the upcoming April MNN.

This 2010 winners were Grant L. Proctor of Wilson High School and Tusa Beaver from Eufaula High School who is also honored as class valedictorian. They will each receive \$500 for their educational needs.

We as Muscogee people have shown that our children come first and that we as a tribe are preparing them to become our future leaders.

First place in the High School division was the Henryetta Fighting Knights (pictured top left). In second place was the Eufaula Ironheads followed by the Glenpool Gray Team in third.

Recipient of the 2010 Wilbur Gouge Sportsmanship Award was the Glenpool White team (pictured top right). There were 112 total participants in this division.

First place in the Middle School division, went to the Hanna Dragons (pictured middle left). Second place was awarded to the Glenpool Blue, followed by the Morris Screaming Eagles in third.

The Beggs Stars and Horses shared the 2010 Wilbur Gouge Sportsmanship Award for the Middle School division (pictured right middle). There were 117 total student participants in this division.

First place in the Elementary School division was awarded to the Glenpool Blue (bottom left), followed by the Beggs Tall team in second and the Beggs Hawks in third.

The 2010 Wilbur Gouge Sportsmanship Award was shared by three Wilson teams; Five Tigers, Brown and Sweet Apples (pictured bottom right).

For more information on the MCN Challenge Bowl, please contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Johnson O'Malley Program at (918) 732-7843.





9th Annual "To Bridge A Gap" Conference March 29 - April 1, 2010



The Muscogee Creek Nation will be hosting the **9th Annual "To Bridge A Gap" Conference**, in collaboration with the National Forest Service. This conference is designed to strengthen Government to Government relationships between the USDA Forest Service and federally recognized Tribal Government with interests in our Forests.

The conference will be held at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma and will provide opportunities for Tribal and Forest Service leaders to share information about their respective missions, values, program activities, and interests.

Topics for this year's To Bridge A Gap will include:

- 1) Hands-On sessions using GPS (Global Positioning System), and GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar).
- 3) Federal Consultation with Tribes: Basics on Best Practices
- 4) Tribal/National Forest Service Programs – What's Working, What Needs Improvement
- 5) Site Protection and Vandalism Issues of Cultural and Sacred Sites
- 6) NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act): Current Gaps
- 7) GIS (Geographic Information System): Benefits for Preservation
- 8) Tribal Environmental Programs and Issues
- 9) National Tribal Historic Preservation Program: Updates and Application Process

For more information including registration forms, please contact Joyce Bear, MCN, Cultural Preservation Department at (918) 732-7731; or Johnnie Jacobs at (918) 732-7835.



*Guest Speaker
will be*

Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor of
Chickasaw Nation and President of
National Congress of American Indians



Conference registration and hotel information can also be found on the Muscogee Creek Nation's website at: www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov under bulletins on the homepage.

FEATURES

SECTION B

March 15, 2010 Edition

CMHI is OK Certified Healthy Business

• Children's Mental Health Initiative 'Protecting the Future'

Media Release

Children's Mental Health Initiative

SAPULPA — Oklahoma Certified Healthy Business recognized outstanding achievements in improving the health of our workforce and the community by seeking to recognize businesses working to improve Oklahoma's health status by providing health and wellness opportunities for their employees.

The Oklahoma Academy for State Goals, Oklahoma Turning Point Council, State Chamber of Oklahoma, and Oklahoma State Department of Health recently honored Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Protecting the Future - CMHI as a 2009 Certified Healthy Business.

Protecting the Future - CMHI is a program designed to help improve the lives of children and youth with serious emotional or behavioral challenges and offers support to their families through a system of care framework. Protecting the Future- CMHI subscribes to an organizational way of thinking and works to develop an infrastructure that



Photography courtesy of CMHI

Pictured above are Terry Cline, Ph.D., Oklahoma Commissioner of Health and Lindsley Harry, Muscogee (Creek) "Protecting the Future"- Children's Mental Health Initiative

involves collaboration across agencies, families, and youth for the purpose of improving and expanding access to community based, culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

Understanding a healthy lifestyle is the foundation for a successful and long-lived life; Protecting the Future-CMHI

has made a strong effort to exemplify a healthy environment and healthy practices. Continued participation with Oklahoma Certified Healthy Business will allow the program continued support in health and wellness activities for employees as well as the Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens they serve.

Higher Education applications due June 1, 2010

Media Release

MCN Higher Education

OKMULGEE — Applications for the 10/11 academic year for higher education funding are now available on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation web site under bulletins at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Applications will be taken

through June 1, 2010. The Higher Ed Scholarship (BIA) is need-based and students must complete financial aid and FAFSA before applying (a CDIB card is also required). The Tribal Grant is not need-based and students may apply for both programs.

Students currently receiving grants with complete files will be sent a renewal form for the 10/11 academic year in April. Students must complete and return the form before June 1, 2010. For more information, call (918) 732-7695 or (800) 482-1979.

MCN Communications now offering elder video service

Media Release

MCN Communications

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications Department is now offering video services to elders and their families in order to document their stories, experiences and cultural knowledge for \$25 per hour.

According to Cultural Reporter Ruth Bible, "After being a part of the annual Council Oak Ceremony and numerous Ceremonial Ground Me-

kkos' and Church Leaders' meetings, I've witnessed the many stories told by our elders. I've seen hope in their eyes that we remain strong as Mvskoke Etlwlv. We now have the technology to record these stories and traditions that each family holds and the means of preserving what is to be handed down to our next generation."

For more information, contact Ruth Bible at (918) 732-7642.

School Clothing Program now accepting applications

Media Release

MCN Social Services

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program 2010/2011, will be accepting applications for school clothing on Monday, May 3, 2010 until September 3, 2010 at 5 p.m. This program is open to all Muscogee Creek citizen students no matter where they live within in the U.S.

The guidelines of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program are as follows:

- Child must have been previously enrolled as a Creek Citizen before making application. You must submit copies of each child's Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Card, or a print out from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Office.

- The student must be at least three years old and enrolled in a certified Head Start (not a day care) or be four years old and enrolled in a public/private school Pre-K program and no higher than the 12th grade.

- All students (head start through 12th grade) must have a school official complete the School Enrollment Form that will be provided with the application.

- Home schooled children ages 5 to 18 are also eligible and must provide accredited curriculum OR original receipts of textbooks purchased and the signing of the Affidavit by the individual providing the education. The Affidavit will be provided with the application.

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Tribe looks to diversify economic development



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Birthday: Aidan Hotvle Factor



And Still the Waters Run *Ernestine: A Life Well Lived*

George Windes
CMCA Historian

YORBA LINDA, Calif., — Ralph Waldo Emerson defined success in a simple life well lived thus:

“To laugh often and much. To win the respect of intelligent people and affection of children; to learn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better, whether by a healthy child, garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

Ernestine Martin was born in Muscogee, Okla. May 2, 1921. Her folks were Dave Martin and Salina Carr. Her grandparents were Tabley, Jennie Sarahchie Cosar, Limbo and Minnie Carr. Limbo was a descendant of Paddy Carr, the Alabama warrior who fought in fierce battles trying to save our ancestral lands.

Ernestine attended the Eufaula Indian Boarding School. She came from a religious family. She had three sisters, Alma Brown, Margaret Roberts & Doris Spirlock. Their father was pastor at Grave Creek Indian Baptist Church for several decades. He also worked in security at Tinker A.F.B.

Ernestine married Charles Marshall. Around 1950 they headed for California where Charles got a job at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard. They raised two sons, Ron Sparks and Chuck Marshall. Ernestine was anxious to keep her culture close. She was a member of Brighter Day Indian Baptist Church and was always faithful in attendance. The church was located at 111 Street and Broadway in

Los Angeles.

Eventually a Muscogee Mission started up and she also hurried there to help. It was a storefront church on Gage Avenue in Bell, 20 by 40 feet in size. The back area was fitted as a kitchen and after church the main room was turned into the dining room. After a decade much of the congregation returned to Oklahoma

first CMCA meeting. As he was leaving (thinking that he probably wouldn't return), he saw a diminutive little lady rushing toward him, as he stood by the elevator. Ernestine introduced herself, and pleaded with him to get actively involved. Her smile/enthusiasm brought him on board. She was a fellow-shipper personified.

a station wagon full of tasty dishes or travel with heavy laden paper sacks on a bus, if other transportation wasn't available.

There are so many cute stories told about Ernestine. Once she and Margaret arrived to visit Indian Revival Church shortly after the service had begun. The pastor paused to say, “Welcome, even if you are a tad bit late.” Ernestine responded quickly, “Pastor, I'm not late, you unfortunately started your service on time.”

Ernestine passed from our view in 2003, at age 83. She is buried in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Long Beach. Her sons are still seen at CMCA events. She has three grandchildren, Janet, Richard and Leticia (and several great grandchildren as well).

I started with Emerson, so I'll close with Richard Kipling. Once Mr. Kipling gave a commencement address at McGill University in Montreal. He suggested that there is one striking thing that needs to be remembered about people. Warning the students against an over-concern about money, power or popularity, he said, “Some day you will meet a man who cares for

none of these things. Then you will know how poor you are.”

That vision applies to women as well. Thank you Ernestine.

Windes has been an active member of the California Muscogee Creek Association for nearly a decade and is currently serving on the Board as historian. He may be reached at: georgewindes@gmail.com.



Photos courtesy of George Windes

Pictured above is current Principal Chief A.D. Ellis along with Ernestine Martin who was instrumental in the formation of the California Muscogee Creek Association in the 1960s.

and the tiny mission closed.

Ernestine was anxious to continue associating with Creeks, even in a secular way.

She, with help from friend, Margaret Sarracino, began the effort to create a California Muscogee Creek Association. They enlisted the help of a prominent Creek leader, Ken Taylor, who had arrived in California in 1962. As usual, with things that Ernestine got behind, it was successful.

Eli Grayson, the current CMCA president, tells the story of his very

From meetings with just a dozen or so people, the new association would grow to eventually attract hundreds to their yearly gatherings. Chief A.D. Ellis and other Creek dignitaries would come and fellowship with the California community. Our citizens got registered and involved in Creek culture again. And especially important was Creek food. Ernestine would cook until the cows came home and then again early the next morning.

She could fill the entire back of

Clothing

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- The primary custodial parent or legal guardian must complete the application.

- Assistance is given on a per-child basis, not per household. If you turned in receipts for 09-10 that were less than the amount you received, you may still be eligible to receive some assistance in increments of \$200 (Example: If you received \$400 and turned in receipts that only totaled \$350, participants will be eligible to receive \$200.00.) Also, if you have another child just starting school, that child will not be affected by the reduced amount. The new child will be eligible for \$200.00.

Where can interested parties obtain an application? Applications may be picked up at the following locations:

- The School Clothing Program office, located behind the Social Services building at 2971 N. Wood Drive, Okmulgee, OK 74447.
- Any Creek Nation Child Development Center.
- Any Creek Nation Indian Community Center.
- You may download the application at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

- Or call (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1(800)482-1979 for an application to be mailed or faxed to you directly.

All applications must be returned or mailed to: School Clothing Program, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447. Please do not fax or e-mail the application to us. We must have original documentation submitted to process your application.

For more information you may contact the School Clothing Program at (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1 (800) 482-1979.



CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wild Onion Dinner

TULSA — Grant Chapel UMC will be hosting their annual wild onion dinner Saturday, March 27 from 12-4 p.m. Prices will be \$7 a plate for adults and children will be \$3.

Wild Onion Dinner

BIXBY — Haikey Chapel UMC will host their annual wild onion dinner March 20 from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., on site.

For more information, contact Rev. July Tecumseh at (918) 681-6175.

Wild Onion Dinner

BROKEN ARROW — Broken Arrow Indian United Methodist Church will host a wild onion dinner at 20854 E. 141st in Broken Arrow, March 27, from 11-3 p.m. Adults - \$7.00, Children 10 and under - \$3.50.

Wild Onion Dinner

OKEMAH — Springfield United Methodist Church will host their annual wild onion dinner Saturday, April 5 from 11-5 p.m. Dinner will be \$8.50 for all-you-can-eat traditional food.

For more information, please contact Ethel Humble at (918) 623-1710.

Wild Onion Dinner

NORMAN — Norman First American UMC will host a wild onion dinner from 11-4 p.m. Plates will be \$7 for adults and \$4 for children at McFarland UMC in Norman.

Relay for Life Fund-raiser

OKMULGEE — Chebon's Creek Walkers will host a Relay for Life fund-raiser Saturday, March 20 at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center. The event will feature grocery bingo, a cake walk, 50/50 and food sale.

For more information or to donate items, please contact Johnna Doucette or Cheryl Gouge at (918) 304-7776 or (918) 697-3032.

Belvin Hill Annual Tribal Hymn Singing

TULSA — The annual Belvin Hill Memorial Tribal Hymn Singing will be held at the Tulsa Southern Hills Marriot in the Redbud Room located at 71st and Lewis. The event will take place from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 23. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Virginia Thomas at (918) 732-7839.

Native Craft Show

TULSA — Two Native Sisters Company hosts Native Craft Show at Tulsa Creek Indian Community Center, 8611 S. Union, Tulsa. All Native crafters are invited to participate. Concessions will be open. Crafts include sewing, beading, jewelry design, knitting, crocheting, etc.

There will be a \$15 booth fee and canned goods will be accepted for the Hospitality Food Pantry. Participants are asked to bring their own tables and chairs. For more information please call 298-2464.

Benefit Yard Sale

OKMULGEE — Okmulgee Indian Health Clinic's 2010 Relay for Life team will host annual yard sale on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., on site, at 1313 E. 20th St., in Okmulgee.

For more information or to donate please contact Christie, Rhiannon or Jeremy at (918) 591-5762 or (918) 591-5754. Proceeds benefit Relay for Life.

2010 To Bridge a Gap Conference

TULSA — The USDA Forest Service and tribal services will host a conference at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel March 29 through April 1, 2010.

Tribal and forest service leaders will meet to share info about missions, values, program activities and interests.

Cost is \$90 for full conference or \$40 per day. For more information please contact Johnnie Jacobs at (918) 732-7835 or Joyce Bear at (918) 732-7731.

Commercial Tobacco Conference

NORMAN — The Third Annual Preparing for the 7th Generation: The Journey continues in Commercial Tobacco Control Conference will be held April 7-9, 2010 at the National Center for Employee Development located at 2801 State Highway 9, in Norman. There is no registration fee.

Various speakers will address tobacco prevention services. For more information, please contact Linda Robertson at (405) 271-3619 or lindaj@health.ok.gov

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival

OKMULGEE — The 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival set for June 24-27. Slow-pitch Softball Tournament is set for June 18-20, 2010.

Festival planning is in progress. For more information please contact Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992

2010 MCN Miss Muscogee Scholarship Pageant

OKMULGEE — The Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant is set for 7 p.m., June 2, 2010 at the Henryetta High School Alice Ghostly Auditorium.

Applications will be available soon at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov or in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Human Development Building.

Pageant categories include Miss Muscogee Nation (ages 17-22) and Junior Miss Muscogee Nation (ages 14-17).

Applicants must be at least 1/4 Creek and willing to appear at events throughout the year. For more information please contact KoKo Lowe at (918) 732-7724 or Virginia Thomas (918) 732-7839.

Farron Culley Memorial Stompdance

OKMULGEE — On Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Okemah Armory from 7— 11:30 p.m., join fam-

ily and friends of Farron Culley at a memorial stompdance.

There will be special recognitions, raffles, cake walk, concession, food baskets and various drawings. Emcees will be Eunice Hill from Nuyaka Ceremonial Ground and Kevin (Opv) Mack from Fishpond Ceremonial Ground.

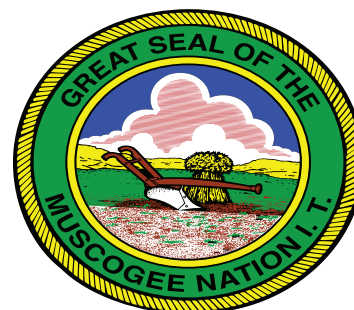
This event is sponsored by the family and proceeds will help sponsor youth activities. Participants are asked to bring their own lawn chairs.

Memorial Gospel Singing

OKEMAH — On Saturday, May 30, Springfield United Methodist Church will host the annual memorial gospel singing. Concessions will be available and participants are asked to bring their own lawn chairs for the event.

Singing will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Ethel Humble at (918) 623-1710.

DEDICATION OF THE BRONZE STATUE FOR MUSCOGEE WOMEN VETERANS



**10:00 AM
FRIDAY, 26 MARCH 2010**

All Muscogee Veterans are encouraged to attend our tribe's Women Veterans Statue Dedication at the Veterans building, Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Please call
Ken Davis (918) 732-7739
Mrs. Fannie Barnett (918) 732-7744
or Shawn Taryole (918) 732-7745
to log in your attendance. Mvto.

2010 Muscogee Festival set for June 24-27

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The following is a list of activities for the 2010 Muscogee Nation Festival.

Friday, June 4

7 p.m.

- Jr. Miss/Miss Muscogee Nation Pageant—Henryetta High School Auditorium—1800 W. Troy Aikman Drive, in Henryetta

Friday, June 18

5 p.m.

- Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
- Arts & Crafts
- Food Vendors

Saturday, June 19

8 a.m.

- Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
- Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gymnasium—1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive
- 11 a.m.
- Arts & Crafts
- Food Vendors
- Muscogee Royalty Reception
- 7 p.m.
- Live Entertainment

Tuesday-Saturday, June 22-26

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Council House Museum Juried Art Competition — 106 West 6th, Downtown Okmulgee
- Awards Presentation—Saturday, June 26, 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 24

6 p.m.

- Stomp Dance—South of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex

Friday, June 25

8 a.m.

- Junior Olympics — Harmon Stadium—601 E. 12th Street
- Senior Citizens Activities — Elderly Nutrition Center
- Farmers' Market
- 8:30 a.m.

- Golf Tournament (Scramble)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course HWY 150, Checotah
- 10 a.m.
- Children's Fun Fair
- 12 p.m.



- Traditional Gaming—Grounds West of Mound Building, Tribal Complex
- 5 p.m.
- Arts & Crafts
- Food Vendors
- 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Living Legends
- 6 p.m.
- Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
- 9 p.m.
- Live Entertainment
- 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- Rodeo—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena

Saturday, June 26

8 a.m.

- Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gymnasium - 1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive
- 5k Walk/Run
- Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
- Horseshoe Tournament
- Children's Fun Fair
- Farmers Market
- 8:30 a.m.
- Golf Tournament (Individual Qualification)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course HWY 150, Checotah
- 9 a.m.
- Volleyball Tournament
- Rodeo Slack—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena

Saturday, June 26 - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Child Safety Seat Check—Parking Lot West of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Council House Indian Art Festival—106 West 6th, Downtown Okmulgee
- 10 a.m.
- Festival Parade—Main Street (6th Street), Downtown Okmulgee
- 11 a.m.
- Arts & Crafts
- Food Vendors
- 1 - 4 p.m.
- Creek Hymn Singing, Mound Auditorium

3 p.m.

- Corn Stalk Shoot—Grounds West of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex
- 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Gospel Singing—South of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex
- 7- 9 p.m.
- Rodeo Finals — Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
- 9 p.m.
- Live Entertainment

Sunday, June 27

8 a.m.

- Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
- Farmers Market
- Children's Fun Fair
- 8:30 a.m.
- Golf Tournament (Championship) - Fountainhead Creek Golf Course, HWY 150 Checotah
- 11 a.m.
- Arts & Crafts
- Food Vendors

All events unless otherwise noted will take place at the Claude Cox Omniplex in Okmulgee, Okla. Shuttle parking will be available at Housing and east of the Mound Building. All events are subject to change.

For more information, please contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732 7992.

AICCO features MCN Tourism & Recreation



MNN/Angel Ellis

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Director of Tourism & Recreation Cherokee Hicks spoke to members of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce about the importance of including cultural elements into attractions and events for tribes.

Media Release

MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — The message Cherokee Hicks, Director of Tourism and Recreation wanted to distribute to the members of AICCO meeting was to keep tribal tourism authentic.

“The people come for the experience, the socializing, the food and

the language make up that experience,” said Hicks.

This first hand experience gives the tribes the chance to write their own history. Avoiding over commercialization of tribal events is key to promote the authentic picture.

Nominations for Living Legends now being accepted

Media Release

MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — The 36th Annual Creek Festival is seeking nominees for the Living Legends ceremony that will honor two tribal citizens who have devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek citizens. Several citizens have done great things and never have received recognition. This is an opportunity to honor them while their living.

Two individuals will be selected by a committee from nominations. The committee will consist of the Principal Chief, Second Chief, Speaker of the National Council, all Creek Nation Directors, the Executive Director and the Judicial Branch Judge. All committee members are also enrolled Creek citizens.

Nominees must meet the following qualifications:

- Must be a Creek citizen
- Must be at least 55 years of age
- Must have devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek people or MCN government in areas such as art, crafts, politics, education, and or ceremonial/religious leaders.

The committee will select two individuals from submitted nominees and honor them during on Friday, June 25th at 5:30 p.m., on the Local Stage at the Claude Cox Omniplex. All nominees must be submitted to the Office of the Principal Chief at: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Deadline: Wednesday, May 26, 2010.

Tribe looks to diversify economic development

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Trends in investments vary, but the energy sector has been on top of the S&P 500 index for the past few years. While the last couple of years have put a flux in many sectors, environmentally-friendly energy options are becoming more viable.

Alternating industry leadership for the S&P 500 index for 2009 according to Jeremy Roberts, AAMs of Edward Jones in Henryetta, Okla. are technology, materials, consumer discretionary spending, S&P 500, industrial, health, financial, consumer staples, energy, utilities and telecommunications.

These sectors fluctuate from year to year with energy being near the top since 2004. While the economy and consumer spending have taken their toll upon the investment sectors the last few years, hope floats that there will be better returns with the upswing of the

Dellinger. "Over a year ago, Mr. Sumner asked me to go with him to a dinner reception in Tulsa on petroleum hosted by the University of Tulsa."

Sumner and Dellinger were seated at the same table as Heronemus and exchanged business cards. The rest is history. The talks have been underway for about a year and Dellinger is excited about the prospect.

"A month or so after the dinner, Marcia came down and met with Mr. Sumner and I. Right away we were impressed with her business plan, it's one of the few that have come to me where they have done everything," said Dellinger. "She has research to support it; the numbers, the accounting. She's done a really great job of bringing this thing together."

Heronemus' father, the late William Heronemus, former professor



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Wind Farms sprinkle the countryside in areas where wind speeds can be easily harnessed. Wind energy initiatives and cooperatives are cropping up all over the United States due to the move to have cleaner energy resources available.

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— MCN Secretary of the Nation Kevin Dellinger

economy.

Alternative energy, which can be eco-friendly, is on the rise. More consumers are choosing products which have less impact on the environment. From cleaning supplies to solar energy panels, the choices for going green are endless.

Before the 10 percent budget reduction, Muscogee (Creek) Nation was in talks with Tulsa-based wind energy company, OWES, LLC (Ocean Wind Energy Systems) owner Marcia Heronemus about investing in the young wind turbine company.

The chance meeting with Marcia Heronemus was a welcome opportunity for the tribe to find ways to diversify funds, according to Muscogee (Creek) Nation Secretary of the Nation Kevin Dellinger.

"It was just happenstance that Marcia and I ran into each other," said

emeritus in engineering at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, is known as a pioneer in the wind and solar energy sector and holds a patent on the wind turbine which helps to give the proposed investment credibility.

"That extensive research is one of the first things that really caught my eye. The other thing that impresses me is her father, William "Bill" Heronemus is known as the "Father of Wind Energy." He put together the first wind program at the University of Massachusetts," said Dellinger. "He had a background in engineering and patented the structure, which has a different take than traditional turbines, with multiple turbines. It's more efficient and effective and doesn't cost as much. The turn-around time on repairs is less. It's just a really sound product."

"The normal three-bladed wind turbine only utilizes around 30 percent

of the area. When you fill those gaps with multi-blades, you are using much more of the wind that is coming in and obtaining more energy, making a more efficient energy investment," said Dellinger.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation will be at the foundation of this company. The tribal name as a vested partner, will be synonymous with the product, according to Dellinger.

"We are going to have the opportunity to invest at the foundation of the company. It's not a company that is already established and going, but it's one coming in and looking for people to invest and become foundation members. Marcia will take our name around the world as she looks for other investors," said Dellinger. "Once she gets the company up and going, we will always be associated with that. It is really important for us to get involved in renewable en-

ergy at the ground level. Plus, there is an opportunity for us to manufacture the product and put a plant here on tribal property which will create jobs."

In this economy, the prospect of new job and a manufacturing facility on tribal land is a great incentive to become investors.

"In a five year period, her numbers project a plant that runs 24/7, three shifts, with over 1,000 employees," said Dellinger. "Everything from manufacturing the product, shipping it to the site and constructing it; there's just a lot of opportunity there for us. The more we invest, the more interest we have in the company, the more involved we are in the company."

"I think when you look at her product, the others pale in comparison," continued Dellinger. "It's environmentally sound and has more protection in place against wildlife, such as birds fly-

ing into the blades."

"We've got to make sure our finances are in check before we go out and spend money we might have to use," explained Dellinger. "Once we get to that point and can figure out what our revenues are when things are back on the upswing, I think we'll have a better ability to ascertain if we can afford it."

Currently the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has diversified funds into gaming, tobacco, construction, communications, graphic art, urinalysis, travel plazas, security systems and staffing for military bases which are a steady income for the tribe.

"I think our main goal is to provide more opportunity for people to come and work for the tribe in various areas. We can't rely on gaming forever. We need to become involved in other areas," Dellinger said.

OBITUARIES

REV. JOHN FIXICO



SAPULPA — Beloved husband and father, John L. Fixico, peacefully slipped away into the arms of Our Lord at the Fixico residence on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010.

He was born April 10, 1932 in Seminole County to the Rev., and Mrs. Jonas and Lena (Spencer) Fixico.

Rev. Fixico attended the Prairie Valley School District in Seminole, Okla. On August 28, 1950, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Virginia L. Wakolee of Shawnee, Okla. He was baptized Jan. 22, 1967 at the First Indian Baptist Church of Muskogee.

Rev. Fixico became a licensed minister in 1968, and he was ordained into the ministry on June 20, 1970 at Deep Fork Hillabee Baptist Church in Checotah, Okla. He subsequently pastored five churches during his service to our Lord including: Deep Fork Hillabee Baptist Church, Oakhurst Indian Fellowship, Snake Creek No. 1 in Bixby, Community Indian Baptist Church in Sapulpa and Believers Baptist Church in Sapulpa.

After moving to the Sapulpa area in 1976 with his wife Virginia, he established the Community Indian Baptist Church on Father's Day, June 18, 1978. In 1982, Rev. Fixico co-founded the Tulsa Area Indian Crusade. He was elected to serve two terms as the Chairman of the newly-founded organization and it is an annual event which continues to this day.

During the 1980s, Rev. Fixico was

involved with the continuous improvement of the Sapulpa Indian Community. He was elected to serve as the President for two terms. Along with other community leaders, Rev. Fixico was actively engaged in the social skirmish to establish a permanent site for an Indian community center.

Today, the Sapulpa Indian Community Center now stands at 1020 N. Brown St. In addition, he, along with the late Mose Cahwee and the late Gene Miller, established the permanent site of the current Sapulpa Indian Health Center.

After retiring from the ministry in 2008, he joined Wekiwa Indian Baptist Church, Sand Springs, Okla., as a member. For the last several years, he continued his love of teaching the Creek language, whether it was with adults, children or individuals. In recent years, he taught the Indian students of the Sand Springs Public School District.

He was not only a Creek linguist, but was also recognized as one of the few cultural consultants of both ceremonial grounds and traditional religious ceremony. Bro. John also served as an adviser, mentor, spiritual leader and friend to all.

As a minister, he officiated countless marriage ceremonies, naming ceremonies, memorial services and baptisms. During his last years with us, Bro. John enjoyed watching comedic movies and political news shows, and especially listening to recordings of his much-loved Creek songs and hymns.

Preceding him in death are his son, Ronald Fixico, his parents the Rev. Jonas Fixico and Lena (Spencer) Fixico, his siblings Pauline Butler, Telmond Fixico, Susie Mitchell and Nelsey Harjo. Brother John is survived by his wife, Virginia Wakolee-Fixico of Sapulpa; his children, including daughter JoAnna Fixico; his sons, Gerald L. Fixico of Broken Arrow and Donald L. Fixico of Mesa, Ariz.; two grandsons and one granddaughter; one great-grandson; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives. A memorial service was held Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010 at 2 p.m., at the Smith Funeral Chapel in Sapulpa, Okla.

ZELMA WIND



OKMULGEE — Zelma Marjory (Yahola) Wind entered into eternity on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2010. Zelma was born in Okmulgee, Okla., on Jan. 8, 1931 to Locust Yahola and Miley Haynes.

She was a member of High Spring Baptist Church in Okemah,

She is survived by six sons three daughters; Grover and Melanie Wind of Morris, Okla., Jesse and Martha Wind of Cromwell, Okla., Jerry (J.D.) and Gayle Wind, of Luther and Cromwell, Richard and Sheila Wind of Wewoka, Okla., Timothy Wind of Cromwell, Okla., Thomas and Sharon Wind of Glendale Ariz., Ruth and Thomas Buie, of Fort Smith, Ark., Janine and Sam Bender, of Cromwell, Okla., and Millie Reyna Wind of Wetumka, 36 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; one brother, Daniel Wind Sr., of Okemah and a host of relatives and friends.

Wind was preceded in death by her parents and two grandsons, Cody Wayne Wind and Jason Blanton.

THANK YOU

HENRYETTA — The family of Harvey Gilroy would like to thank all our relatives and friends for their prayers, visits to the hospital, and love and support during the illness and loss of our loved one.

We also extend our appreciation and thanks to Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Social Services and the Tribal Road Program and their staffs. A special thanks to Chief A.D. Ellis, Bob Miller and their staffs, Randall Indian Baptist Church and the ladies who prepared the food and Wilson School in providing the school gymnasium for the service.

We also want to thank the National Council for their presentation by Speaker Roger Barnett in recognition of Harvey's service as a former National Councilman.

Also thanks to Rev. Mark Milligan, Rev. Fred Jones and Bro. Tim Lowe for the beautiful service that was so comforting and to Integrity Funeral Service for their excellent service.

We may have not had a chance to visit, however, we want you to know you encouraged us with your presence, which was so meaningful.

Mvto from the Family of Harvey Gilroy

THANK YOU

WETUMKA — We would like to express our gratitude to the Alabama Ceremonial Ground, Wetumka Indian Baptist Church, Sand Creek Eufaula Baptist Church, Arbeka Methodist Church, Scotty Harjo, Houston Tiger and all the families and friends brought flowers, food, or any other contributions during our loss of our momma, Thelma Jean Talamasy.

MVTO,
Vivian Morris and Cassandra Morris

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BIRTHDAYS

ANTHONY NEWMAN JR.



OREGON CITY, Ore., — Anthony Newman Jr., celebrated his birthday in March with a “Lots of Friends,” theme party.

He is the son of Anthony and Teri Newman. He has two siblings Baylee and Daelyn. Newman is the grandson of Tony and Rebecca Newman and the great grandson of Joseph and Rebecca Marks.

DAELYN NEWMAN



OREGON CITY, Ore., — Daelyn Marie Newman recently celebrated a birthday in March with a “Dance,” theme party.

She is the daughter of Anthony and Teri Newman. Newman has two siblings, a brother, Anthony Newman Jr., and a Sister, Baylee. She is the granddaughter of Tony and Rebecca Newman and the great granddaughter of Joseph and Rebecca Marks.

AIDAN HOTVLE FACTOR



OKMULGEE — Aiden Hotvle Factor, born March 30, 2009, turns one in 2010.

He is the son of Brian and Linnette Factor and grandson of Bonnie Factor and Rev. Robert and Irene Washington. He is the great grandson of Betsy and Joe Factor and Thomas and Martha Washington.

He is of the Wind Clan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNTILLA JACK



OKEMAH — Suntilla Louma Jack won 1st place in the art contest at the MCN Food Sovereignty competition in the 7-year-old division. She also won 2nd place for her artwork at the Seminole Nation Days.

Her artwork displays her traditional values and Mvskoke language.

She participates in the yearly Butner High School Cheerleading camp for the High School Basketball

performance. She was recently selected to be Flower Bearer for the 2009 Butner High School Basketball Homecoming coronation Dec. 18, 2010.

She enjoys drawing, cheerleading and singing Mvskoke hymns, shaking turtle shells and playing Euchee football.

She is an active member of the Sand Creek Euchee Ceremonial Ground and attends Arbeka Methodist Church. She belongs to the Eco clan is the granddaughter of the Alabama Ceremonial Ground.

Suntilla was the 2008-09 MCN Little Miss Division I. She is the daughter of Mitch Jack and Esther Yargee and granddaughter of Tarpie and Amy Yargee and great granddaughter of Louma Jack and Winey Scott Yargee.

TEMA YARGEE



OKEMAH — Tema Yargee was selected student of the month for November at Butner Elementary School. She is in the 3rd grade and is on the Superintendent's Honor Roll.

She participates in the yearly Butner High School Cheerleading camp for the High School Basketball performance and is a 3rd and 4th grade basketball cheerleader.

Tema was selected to represent the Butner Halloween Carnival Queen.

She won first place for her artwork at the Seminole Nation Days.

Tema enjoys drawing, cheerleading, playing stickball and Euchee football.

She is an active member of the Sand Creek Euchee Ceremonial Ground and

belongs to the Eco Clan.

She is the granddaughter of the Alabama Ceremonial Ground. Tema attends Arbeka Indian Methodist Church. She is the Daughter of Gayle Yargee and granddaughter of Tarpie and Amy Yargee, and the great granddaughter of Winey Scott Yargee.

MICAH REECE



KANSAS CITY, Kansas — Micah Andrew Reece, a graduate of the Washburn University School

of Nursing in Topeka, Kansas attended a Recognition and Awards Ceremony in Dec.

Reece has been on the Dean's Honor Roll and also on President's Honor Roll. He graduated with a 4.0 grade average. He was inducted into the Eta Kappa Charter-at-large of Sigma Theta Tau International, The Honor Society of Nursing.

Reece began his nursing job on Jan. 11, 2010 at Overland Park Medical Center, in Kansas City Kansas.

Reece is the son of Joel Don and Linda Reece of Haven, Kansas and Sandra Reece of Gardner, Ks. He is the brother of Jeremiah Reece and grandson of John W. and Martha Jane (Chalakee) Reece of Coweta, Ok., and great grandson of the late Rev. John and Fannie (Berryhill) Chalakee.

He is of the Wind Clan.

Reece also wanted to thank the MCN Higher Education Department for their support in continuing education.

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Chief vs. Communities

• Historical ruling in favor of Chief A.D. Ellis

Angel Ellis
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OKMULGEE — The case in which Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, A.D. Ellis sought injunctive relief and an accounting order that would restore national management and financial control of six gaming communities began in 2009 and received final judgment on March 19 2010.

In the landmark ruling, District Court Judge Patrick E. Moore noted that Ellis acted in his capacity in order to protect the interests of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The case could set precedence on how the tribe not only handles gaming but also how funds are allocated throughout the tribe's programs.

The recent ruling from Moore will place the six gaming communities casinos under the authority of the Gaming Operations Authority Board. This ruling was based on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act standards concerning sole proprietary interest. IGRA designates the tribe, not its members, must have sole proprietary

interest in the tribe's gaming operations. Much of the information in the judgment emphasizes the responsibility of the tribe to oversee gaming operations.



"My main motivation was the oath I took to support the constitution."

— Principal Chief A.D. Ellis

The ruling stated, "Muscogee (Creek) Nation law, can not now or in the future, permit a 50-50 split of gaming revenue because such a participation is permitted under the Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act."

The results of the ruling have dealt a blow to the financial backing of many of the communities' programs. The Okemah Indian Community recently published an article that stated, "there is a possibility of OIC closing its doors at the end of April if additional monies are not appropriated. Doug Scott, Manager of Holdenville Indian Community, said, "This case and a lack of a tobacco compact has been a double blow for the community center.

Without gaming revenue and without a tobacco compact, the community is working with 60 percent less funding."

He indicated that board would be meeting to make plans on prioritizing

the programs offered in the event that it became necessary to drop programs.

"If it comes to that, our priorities will be the elderly," said Scott. The Duck Creek Indian Community declined comment and attempts made by MNN staff to get information over the telephone from Eufaula Indian Community resulted in a hang-up.

The ruling warned "The specter of fines amounting to thousands of dollars per day levied against the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, at least since 2005 when the facially illegal agreements were executed, constantly looms as a very real possibility."

The ruling could also change the way appropriations are made by National Council.

SEE COMMUNITIES - A2

Native News Today to celebrate 200th episode

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — April 17, 2010 marks the 200th episode of Native News Today (NNT) which will air at 1:30 p.m., on the WB Network (Channel 19 for most area stations) in Tulsa, Okla.



Hosts Gerald Wofford and Jason Salsman along with Producer Jerrad Moore are excited about the upcoming show.

"I am very much excited about the 200th episode," said Salsman. "A lot of what we do regularly can get very routine, so it's nice to be able to have fun with this one."

"The episode we are planning will be a retrospective of some of our fondest memories, notable interviews and a look at how far we've come," continued Salsman.

SEE TODAY - A2

MCN Election Board calls for voters to register and vote

Media Release
MCN Election Board

OKMULGEE — Currently there are 16,496 registered voters. During the 2009 National Council Election less than 3,000 voted. According to enrollment numbers there are 52,849 18 years and older citizens enrolled. The number of registered voters should be higher than what we currently have and the voting record should be 5,000 to 10,000 per election.

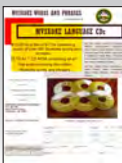
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eligible to register to vote. Come by the Election Board office located in the main complex and have your citizenship card available or call (918) 732-7685 or (918) 732-7631 and a registration form will be mailed to you. Please send a copy of your citizenship card when registering by mail. If you have moved or haven't voted in a while your name is placed on an invalid list.

These citizens need to contact the Election Board to update their address and voter information.

A2 COMMUNITY

MCN Language CDs now on sale



A3 LEGAL

Letter from MNN Editor



A4 CAPITOL

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A5 HEALTH

Health now offering Refills-by-Mail



A6 FEATURE

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Memorable guests for Wofford and Salsman include citizens, state officials and sports heroes.

"For me it has been veterans like Phillip Coon, and athletes like Sonny Sixkiller and Sam Bradford and entertainers like Wes Studi and Irene Bedard," said Wofford.

"There has been a lot [of memorable guests]. It's easy to think of some right off the bat when you've interviewed Sam Bradford, Toby Keith and the Governor of Oklahoma Brad Henry. But everyone knows their stories," said Salsman. "My favorite guests have been the ones that aren't in the spotlight. They aren't famous. They're are just proud Native Americans, living their lives how they see fit. And a lot of them have overcome adversity, a lot have inspired the youth and a lot have advanced Indian people in their own unique ways. Those are the stories that I enjoy telling the most."

The show began in 2006 and covers a wide scope of stories concerning Indian Country from arts to sports and everything in between.

Joshua Slane, MCN Communications Systems Analyst, helped produce the show until Moore joined the team in Sept. 2006.

Preserving Mvskoke traditions, culture and heritage is a big part of the show and those involved feel very honored to assist with this program.

"Preserving our culture through any medium is what each citizen should be all about," said Salsman. "That is, in my opinion, our duty as Mvskokvlke. I'm so thrilled that this show hasn't forgotten that."

Salsman and Wofford have gained both knowledge and experience from their time spend in front of and behind the camera.

"I have learned how fascinating our Native American people are, the stories they want to share and their undeniable spirit to persevere," said Wofford.

"[I] Really gained a better perspec-

tive of myself as Muscogee (Creek). It sounds funny to say this, but I feel more in touch with my own Indian heritage now than before I started doing the show," said Salsman. "It would be really awesome to me, if just one person that watches it said the same thing."

"I work on Native News Today in order to battle the ignorant, stereotypical and inaccurate picture of Native Americans that is prevalent in the media today by showing real Native American lives and cultures," said Moore.

The show has evolved over the years to the current format today. Learning as they go, the Native News Today team produces the show weekly and gathers news from various sources.

"We always put the word to our Native American community during each show to let us know about the events," said Wofford. "Many people will e-mail us, phone or stop by to tell us."

"The show's been on for four years on various media outlets. The concept has always been the same, bringing Native American news from a native perspective. There have been numerous style changes as we have upgraded our equipment and visual branding," said

Moore. "All the changes that have happened to the show have been a direct result of citizen viewer input."

In the next year, the show has the possibility to expand to the internet via a live-streaming show. While this idea is still conceptual, it may be a way to reach Native youth in Indian Country and around the world.

"One of the directions that I would like to go with the program in 2010 is toward more live internet content, possibly with a daily live show on the streaming channel that would supplement and preview the weekly program that airs on television," said Moore. "The live daily show would allow use to show some of the stories that get bumped from the television program due to time constraints as well as have guests come into the studio and use the chat box to directly interact with the citizens and viewers of the stream."

Archived shows can also be found on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Web site, www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov just click on the Native News Today icon and follow the links.

Moore stated that fans may also access the show via live stream on the internet. "I take pride in the fact that the

new streaming channel at www.justin.tv/mcncommunications was my brain-child."

Wofford and Salsman have a fan base that recognizes them on the street and offer news tips and story ideas.

"The majority of the feedback we get from people is mainly face to face which is the best kind," said Wofford.

"I just hope the show continues to grow in popularity in 2010. We want to keep reminding folks out there that in Oklahoma and around this country that natives are doing great things," said Salsman. "I think what sets us apart is that we are truly telling a story. We are telling about a people. We could care less about ratings and advertisement numbers."

"To me, as a Mvskoke citizen, this is the most rewarding thing I could be doing with my life. The creator blessed me with a gift, an education and an opportunity. It's my duty to use those gifts to keep our culture alive. If I can be a part of something that promotes our language, our customs, our beliefs and our traditions, then I can hold my head up and be awfully proud at the end of each day," Salsman said.



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Communities

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The accounts, which are used for those appropriations, will now be subject to the rules governing the expenditure of gaming funds. It is the opinion of Chief that "this case has a lot to due Judge Moore's lack of confirmation by the National Council.

Chief Ellis said he would "like to see those six communities become a sort of satellite office of the MCN, offering the nations services to citizens in a more convenient location."

He expressed his relief that the trial was finally over and said, "My main motivation was the oath I took to support the constitution." The trial was particularly stressful to Ellis, who reports that he "lost many friends and even received death threats," as a result of these proceedings.

"A new chief would never have been able to tackle this issue, they would not have been able to re-elected. Now that I am terming out, I was able to work on tough problems," said Ellis.

District Court filings for January 2010

The District Court filings from January 1, 2010 thru January 31, 2010 are as follows:

Civil:

A1 Acceptance & Loan v. Janie Nichols
MCN v. (1) ladder with attached metal stand, Forfeiture
(1) camo net, (1) canvas strap, (1) 55 gal deer feeder,
(1) Wild Game Innovations SN# 0255060900555
Brandi Gruenwald v. Marshall Herrington
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Saber Acceptance Co., v. Robert Hughes
Banner Finance v. John Hicks
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Empire Finance v. Miranda Kelough
Empire Finance v. Barbara West
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Sarah Reinke v. Noah VanBuren

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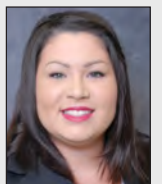
Estonko readers (that's for Mr. Marshall who recently gave me a lesson in the Mvskoke language). I am always thrilled with the opportunity to be able to learn from our elders and believe me, I have a lot to learn.

The 2010 Miss Muscogee Scholarship Pageant is set for 7 p.m., Friday, June 4, 2010 in Henryetta at the High School Auditorium. Applications are now available on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation official Web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov, or at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Human Development Building and will be accepted through April 13, 2010, so ladies, don't miss out on the opportunity to represent yourself and the Nation in 2010.

I hope you all have gotten a catch the article on the previous pages about the upcoming 200th episode of Native News Today. If not, I do encourage you to give it a glance as it is a peek into what we here at Communications are doing and that is always something I enjoy sharing with you, the citizens.

The guys in the Multimedia Division are always looking for ways to improve the show and feedback is always appreciated in everything we do as communicators.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at RLandsberry@muscogeenation-nsn.gov



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:)
F.V.; DOB: 10-27-92)
Alleged Deprived Child.)

Case No. JV-2010-04

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JUVENILE SUMMONS

THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: Glenn Dale Carney/ Unknown Father
1320/1420 N. Collins
Okmulgee, OK 74447

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above-named child is a deprived child and that, as the parent of said child(ren), you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 4th day of March, 2010 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. for an adjudication hearing and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

Issued this 26th day of February, 2010.

Sharon Mcclenathan
Deputy Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court

[Seal]

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the Name Change of:)
RHONDA JEAN HERROD, also known)
as RHONDA JEAN MANLEY)

Case Number CV 2010-55
Judge Patrick E. Moore

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NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: Whom it may concern

Rhonda Jean Herrod, also known as Rhonda Jean Manley, born November 21, 1966, has filed a *Petition* in the above Court to have her name changed from Rhonda Jean Herrod and Rhonda Jean Manley to Rhonda Jean Miller and the same will be heard in the courtroom of Judge, Patrick E. Moore, located in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Hwy 75 and Loop 56, on the 22nd day of April, 2010 at 10 o'clock A m, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any person may file a written protest in this case prior to the date set for the hearing.

Given under my hand a seal this 15th day of March, 2010.

COURT CLERK
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee
District, Oklahoma
By Jobie King
Deputy

(SEAL)

Veterans' Scoop

Staff
Veterans Affairs Services Office

The Veterans' Scoop will feature articles and updates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and other credible sources.



VA recognizes "Presumptive" Illnesses in Iraq, Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, D.C., — The 1998 Persian Gulf War Veterans Act requires the Secretary to review NAS reports that study scientific information and possible associations between illnesses and exposure to toxic agents by Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War.

Because the Persian Gulf War has not officially been declared ended, veterans serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom are eligible for VA's new presumptions. Secretary Shinseki decided to include Afghanistan Veterans in these presumptions because NAS found that the nine diseases are prevalent in that country.

Noting that today's proposed regulation reflects a significant determination of a positive association between service in the Persian Gulf War and certain diseases, Secretary Shinseki added, "By setting up scientifically-based presumptive service connection, we give these deserving Veterans a simple way to get the benefits they have earned in service to our country."

Last year, VA received more than one million claims for disability compensation and pension. VA provides compensation and pension benefits to over 3.8 million Veterans and beneficiaries. Presently, the basic monthly rate of compensation ranges from \$123 to \$2,673 to veterans without any dependents.

Disability compensation is a non-taxable, monthly monetary ben-

efit paid to veterans who are disabled as a result of an injury or illness that was incurred or aggravated during active military service.

For more information about health problems associated with military service during operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom and related VA programs go to www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulf-war/ or go to www.va.gov for information about disability compensation.

Government launches National Resource Directory

WASHINGTON, D.C., — The U.S. Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs, as part of their continued commitment to our Nation's Service Members, Veterans, and their families, launched a new and improved National Resource Directory (www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov).

This free online tool provides access to thousands of services, programs and resources at the national, state and community level. The Web site has a fresh look with many key features that include an improved search engine, Really Simple Syndication (RSS) news feeds, subscriptions to e-mail updates, and new subject areas such as "Homeless Assistance."

The National Resource Directory is designed to serve a broad base of users including Wounded Warriors, Service members Veterans, their families and caregivers. In addition, it provides a useful tool for supporting service providers, such as Recovery Care Coordinators, Federal Recovery Coordinators, health care providers and case managers at Veterans Service Organizations.



MWLI hosts first annual Mvskoke Women's Leadership Awards

Media Release
Mvskoke Women's Leadership Initiative

OKMULGEE — The Mvskoke Women's Leadership Initiative (MWLI) was established in March 2009 to bring Muscogee Creek women of all ages together to fellowship and celebrate the richness of the Mvskoke culture.

In celebration of March, Women's History Month, MWLI established the Mvskoke Women's Leadership Awards to recognize and honor the strength of Muscogee Creek women. MWLI is grateful to have the Creek Nation Casino-Checotah as the presenting partner of the 2010 Mvskoke Women's Leadership Awards.

The award winners were nominated and selected based on their demonstration of cultural preservation, community service/volunteerism, and personal/leadership initiative and dedication to the Mvskoke culture. The winners had to be nominated for the respective award category and then selected by a panel of three judges and an independent tabulator from the MWLI.

The award winners were honored with a reception held Saturday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m., in the Mound Building where the awards were presented during the monthly meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

This year's "Mvskoke Women's Leadership Awards" winners are: Woman of the Year – Frances Tiger (Bristow), Mother of the Year – Tricia Fields (Glenpool), Educator of the Year – Laura Stewart (Ada), Artist of the Year - Dana Tiger (Muscogee), College Student of the Year – Mallory Buckley (Tulsa), High School Student of the Year - Jordan Harmon (Tulsa), Middle School Student of the Year - Julia Wakeford (Jenks), Elementary Student of the Year – Louisa Harjo (Okemah).



MNN/Mallory Bible

Pictured in the back row (from left to right): Woman of the Year Frances Tiger, Artist of the Year Dana Tiger, Educator of the Year Laura Stewart and Creek Nation Casino Checotah Rep. Jason Larney. Pictured in the front row (from left to right): College Student of the Year Mallory Buckley, Middle School Student of the Year Julia Wakeford, Elementary Student of the Year Louisa Harjo and Mother of the Year Tricia Fields. Not pictured is High School Student of the Year Jordan Harmon.

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Special offer for Creek Nation Tribal Members

- Discounted Price on Propane •
- FREE Tank Switch Out •
- FREE System Safety Check •
- Used 500 gallon tank for \$450 •
- Discounted Lease on Tanks •
- Normal tank lease charge is \$80 per year on a 500 gallon tank
- Tribal members will be offered a lease fee of \$50 per year

Am I eligible for this program?

- The tribal member must live in our service area
- Make sure to inform the Customer Service Specialist that you are a Creek Nation tribal member

James Parker - Account Manager
Cell Phone: 918-277-2470

Health now offering Refills-by-Mail

• Program hopes to provide faster service for patients

Media Release

MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — In an effort to help Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens and patients to cope with increasingly difficult economic conditions, and to improve patient care throughout the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Principal Chief A.D. Ellis has instituted a new pharmacy service for patients receiving care through the MCN hospital and clinics.

The new Refills-by-Mail (RBM) program will allow patients who request the service to receive routine prescription medication refills through regular mail, instead of having to travel to the hospital or clinic to pick up their refills.

RBM will increase availability of medications by cutting costs and time requirements for patients in order to receive refills. All five clinics are already equipped to mail out refills upon request by patients.

The RBM program will handle regular refills only. New medications, controlled medications, and diabetic testing strips cannot be mailed out through RBM. Patients must com-



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Pictured above from left to right: Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, Wagoner District Rep. Johnnie Green, Health Administrator Russell Torbett, MCN Director of Health Edwin McLemore and Chief Pharmacist Sid Daniel, Jr.

plete an RBM form at the pharmacy in the clinic where they receive regular medical care before any refills can be mailed to them. Once signed up, patients must specifically request RBM each time they phone in their request for refills. Patients must continue see their primary provider for routine visits on their established schedule.

If patients are interested in registering for this new service or would like more information about the program, they may visit or call their local MCN pharmacy to sign up and receive more information. The management and staff of the Division of Health look forward to providing this exciting and convenient new service.

Local elders to start gardens

Taylor Thompson

Exercise Programs Manager - Koweta

KOWETA — Creek elders have years of experience in growing gardens and will be the expert partners for an exciting new opportunity starting next month by the Diabetes Program.

The elders participating in the Vculvke P.R.I.D.E. program will be building raised bed gardens at their local Elderly Nutrition Program centers.

Gardening will provide healthy foods that will also have many positive health benefits. Planting gardens can help the elders “get back to their roots” while providing them with some very good exercise. Gardening can burn up to an average of 275 calories per hour when done at moderate intensity.

Gardening not only contributes to better health but also to better food. Elders will have the opportunity to pick their own fruits and vegetables at their peak of freshness for a perfect taste. With the average fruit and vegetable at grocery stores traveling nearly 1500 miles, growing

their own produce will not contain potentially harmful preservatives and chemicals.

These raised beds will be 4 ft. wide and 8 ft. long and they will be managed and maintained by the elders participating. There will be a variety of vegetables planted in the raised beds.

The raised beds will contain tomatoes, peppers, and other herbs. With these plants the elders might be finding themselves making some homemade salsa. Every vegetable that will be grown can be harvested by the participants and they will decide what will be done with their harvest. So be nice to the elders that are working the beds just in case you want them to make you some salsa.

After a long cold winter, I hope everyone is ready to get out there and get their hands dirty and start a garden. Gardens do not have to be large to be successful. Even small gardens can produce some great fruits and vegetables and provide some very good physical activity.



Alzheimer's symptoms: Este Emvkeriskv ehose hakvt

Media Release

MCN Health / Language Programs

OKMULGEE — (Continued from March MNN) What's typical? Heyat estowe maheko towes:

Sometimes having trouble finding the right word. Opunvkv sentayat seceko tayet towes

Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps. Nak somhucet estowecat seceko taye towes.

A person with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places. Este emvkerickv emvwhat nak tmv estowis herice towes.

They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. Nak somhucet yeful-

liket seceko taye towes.

Sometimes, they may accuse others of stealing. Omahocv este nvk enhorkop tos make towes.

This may occur more frequently over time. Resen solkoset sayetowes.

What's typical? Heyvt estowe maheko towes:

Misplacing things from time to time, such as a pair of glasses or the remote control. Nak somhucet etowole svkav tis monkat nak heckv teyopushue cet tv tis.

Decreased or poor judgment. Emvkerickat yekceko hakepet nak taye kis ohvkericet omes.

People with Alzheimer's may expe-

rience changes in judgment or decision-making. Este emvkerickv emvwhat vkerickv emeteyopusket monkat nak heren vkericeko taye hakepe towes.

For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money, giving large amounts to telemarketers. Omahocv toknauwv tis emtehosket esteme taye towes.

They may pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean. Nak ekisse kasety ton ehvstate cetv tis senayoreceko hake towes.

What's typical? Heyvt esowe maheko towes:

Making a bad decision once in a while. Omahocv nak emete hosket.

Withdrawal from work or social activities. Vtotketv ton este vpaket tv yaceko haket towes.

A person with Alzheimer's may start to remove themselves from hobbies, social activities, work projects or sports. Este emvkerickv vwahe hakvt en hvmkoset haye towes, nak mecvte wiket, este vpaket vrates mo wiket, atotketv mo wiket towes.

They may have trouble keeping up with favorite sports team or remembering how to complete a favorite hobby. Nak poketcevtv tis kervte kerreko haket, nak mecvte respyeko tayet.

The may also avoid being social because of the changes they have expe-

rienced. Nak emvrakat kerrekv este vpaket yaceko hake towes.

What's typical? Heyvt estowe maheko towes:

Sometimes feeling weary of work, family and social obligations.

Omahocv atotketv tis entayepet, emestvlke ton nvk estv pake arate entayepis ome towes.

Changes in mood and personality. Emvretvt emvraket towes.

The mood and personalities of people with Alzheimer's can change. Este emvkerrickv emvwahat emvretv ton emvyetvtv emvraket towes.

To be continued in April 15 MNN

Ownership of Creek Council House yet to be settled

Gerald Wofford

MCN Communications Manager

OKMULGEE — It has been called the ‘Crown Jewel of Okmulgee.’ For others, it is the last standing remnant of a historic time when the Muscogee (Creek) Nation first claimed its mark in Indian Territory after a tragic period in which the Nation could have become extinct.

None the less, it still stands as a proud reminder to everyone — local, tribal member or not — that it is a part of the city’s history that will always be.

The history behind the Creek Council House is pure legend and even before the building was constructed in 1878, Creek leaders gathered on the grounds to discuss the direction the tribe would take during some dark times. The geographical location they chose to mark their capitol would be solidified even before the building was considered.

It is said that Creek leader Opothle Yahola, when attempting to keep the tribe neutral out of the civil war a decade before, called a meeting with the tribe and told everyone an odyssey north to neutral Kansas would allow the tribe asylum out of a white man’s war. The grounds of the Council House were also said to be the execution site of Timmie Jack, the law-abiding native officer, who would regret accidentally shooting a good friend and pay his life for it.

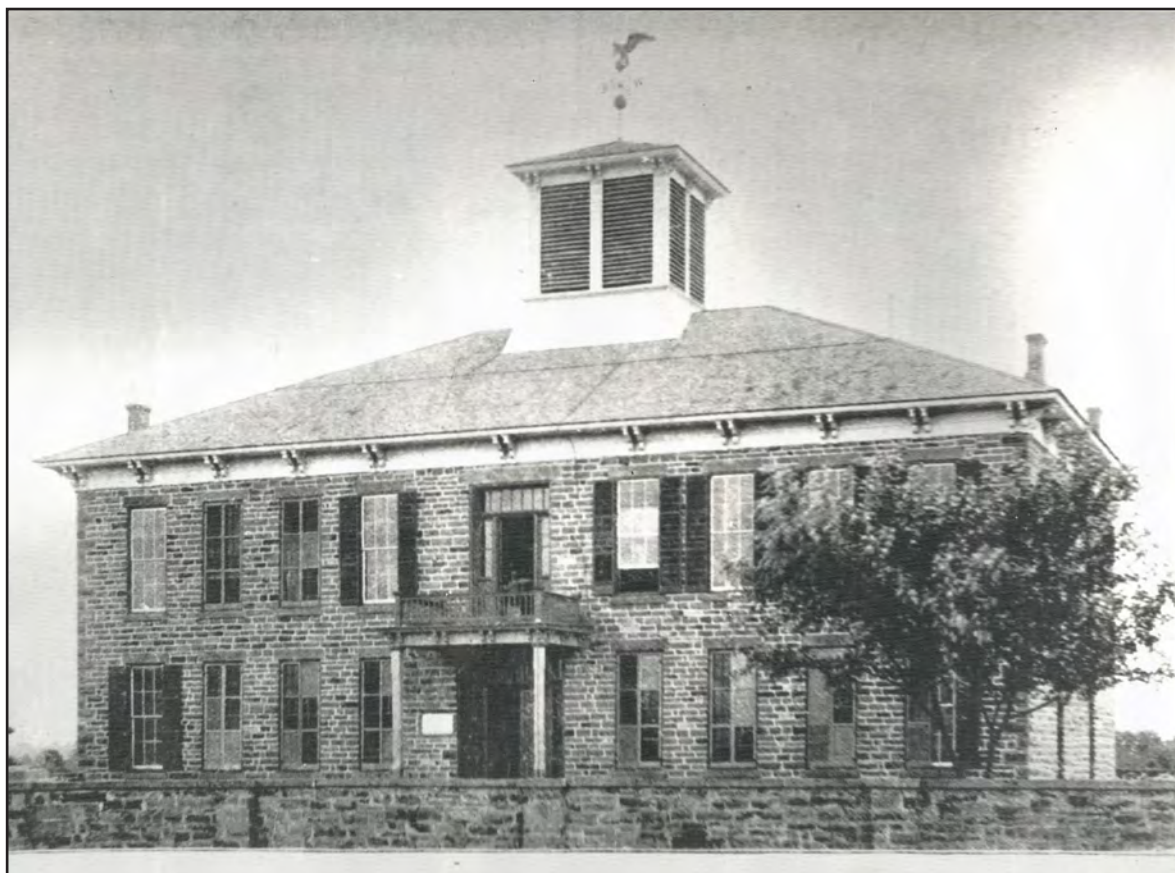
When the building was finished, tribal leadership flourished as the House of Kings and the House of Warriors worked together to guide a nation into continuing sovereignty, but with an eye on the white man’s government as possible statehood loomed ahead.

The federal government though, never did trust the tribes to “handle” their own affairs. Legal guardians, or mentors, would sometimes be established to direct or guide tribal indi-

viduals, as well as a whole. Selfish and blatant violations of human rights were permitted as tribal sovereignty was drowned by a white government

the tribe. In 1919 the nation then sold the Council House and the grounds to the City of Okmulgee under the supervision of the Department of the

some citizens of the city were not actually happy about obtaining such a place, while others realizing its historical importance, strongly defended it.



Oklahoma Libraries/Archives

Pictured above is Creek Council House Museum around the time it was built in the late 1800s, which has been the center of a controversy surrounding the anticipated sale from the City of Okmulgee back to original owners, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

and tribal leadership was ceased by law. Meetings became nonexistent and anything symbolizing it meant the same, including the Council House.

According to information from Muscogee (Creek) Attorney General’s Office, in 1908, the United States Congress authorized the Secretary of the Interior to “take possession of all lands belonging to the Five Civilized Tribes, now or heretofore used for government, school, or other tribal purposes...”

With the proceeds being deposited in the U.S. Treasury in the name of

Interior under the appraised sum of \$100,000. The deed conveying title was executed by Principal Chief. G. W. Grayson.

The Creek Council House came under the ownership of the young City of Okmulgee. The city, like every small town that dotted the landscape of a new Oklahoma, was also proving itself — that it was on the move, could govern its affairs, even with a tribe that had made the area its Capitol long before the city was ever considered.

How the city embraced its new possession is still baffling today as

As the young state and city continued on, rumblings amongst city people was sometimes focused on the Council House and perhaps how it could be gone and numerous meetings were held to discuss this. The fact that it was in the central location of the city did not help things either, at least for the outlook of many Okmulgeans who saw their town as business-driven and a bustling metropolitan location. The young city was still competing against the likes of Tulsa as the discovery of oil was helping the state to become more financially affluent.

“Okmulgee was on the move,” said local radio personality and former Okmulgee Mayor Paul Brown when talking about that era, “At that time, this city had more millionaires per capita than any city in Oklahoma.”

A bustling community needed to fit the image of a growing conglomerate, a place for the future, not a place of the past, which to many people of the town, was what the Council House represented.

Many people saw the area that was the Council House as a potential place for a hotel, which would certainly fit into the economic plans of many, especially oilmen and business leaders who some felt were manipulating city people to take action.

One incident, during the early 1920s, recalled when verbal protests reached a fever pitch and plans were made amongst the city folk to gather secretly one evening and ‘physically tear it down’ piece by piece. The plan was to call for a fire alarm on a building a few blocks away. In those days, an immediate emergency, such as a fire, caused everyone to quickly help.

While everyone was attending to the fire, the secret group began their mission of tearing down one of the walls that surround the Council House. This destructive message aimed to influence everyone for the need to tear down the entire building. It is interesting to note that two prominent groups of that day were around. The ‘Daughters of the American Revolution’, which were to said to want the preservation of the Council House. The Ku Klux Klan, were known to have a office building on the same street just east of the Council House.

Even after this attempt failed, grumblings could still be heard until a celebrity came to the city.

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The booming economy had enabled Okmulgee to build a state of the art entertainment center called the 'Hippodrome'. The fabulous creation was right across the street from the Council House.

The \$300,000 structure played host to some of the biggest names in entertainment at that time Stars like Gloria Swanson, Harold Lloyd and the Ziegfeld Follies performed before sold out audiences. Oklahoma's own Will Rogers was even booked for a night of entertainment. It was perhaps the night of Roger's performance that the negative feelings of many city people were finally laid to rest.

Before Rogers performed that evening, he was given a tour of the Council House earlier that day and according to the book, 'The Land Where We Belong' published by Leisure Publishing, Rogers had this to say to the crowd that night, *"They took me over to see your Council House. I like that. They tell me that some of your businessmen want to tear it down. I'd think twice before doing that. The folks that built that building were in this country before you oil men... If you tear the Council House down, what would you put up? You'd erect some other building. You don't want this town like all the rest. Don't build a Ford town."*

Every place I go you can see an Owl Drug Store on one corner, a filling station on another, a hamburger stand, and branch bank on the others. Don't build your town that way. I hear some folks want to put a post office or hotel over there. You can go to any town in the country and find a post office and a hotel, but there is only one town in the world where you can find a Creek Council House. That's Okmulgee."

After that speech, the city fully realized that this historic building would be a part of their growth forever. Throughout the decades to follow, the Council House would hold different

offices in it, including a sheriff's office, Boy Scouts and even a YMCA for a while.

Meanwhile, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was realizing change and adapting valiantly. From losing sovereignty, being granted U.S. citizenship, as all Native American tribes were given in 1924, two World Wars, and the attempted destruction of their native languages through boarding school

allowed to govern themselves once again, the Council House represented that perseverance as well. The oil boom had left as well as the businessmen who wanted to destroyed it; the Ku Klux Klan no longer had offices nearby, and the Hippodrome met its fate in a New Year's eve fire in 1933.

Since the City of Okmulgee has taken ownership of the Council House in 1919, there has been talk of the tribe

hasn't agreed on a negotiation price," and continues, "Talks between the two could take some time."

Okmulgee City Council Rep. Everett Horn, of Ward One said the city is very interested in seeing the tribe get back what is rightfully theirs.

"Well, I've been trying since Claude Cox was Chief and I told him that when I got on the city council I would try to get that [Council House]

brought up and when asked about that price, Horn responded that he did not know of an exact figure but that that amount could be close considering the city would like a return on their investment from upkeep. The price would also depend on the study performed by the city manager determining how much the city has invested.

Horn said city people would be concerned about how the tribe would use it once it is in their possession again.

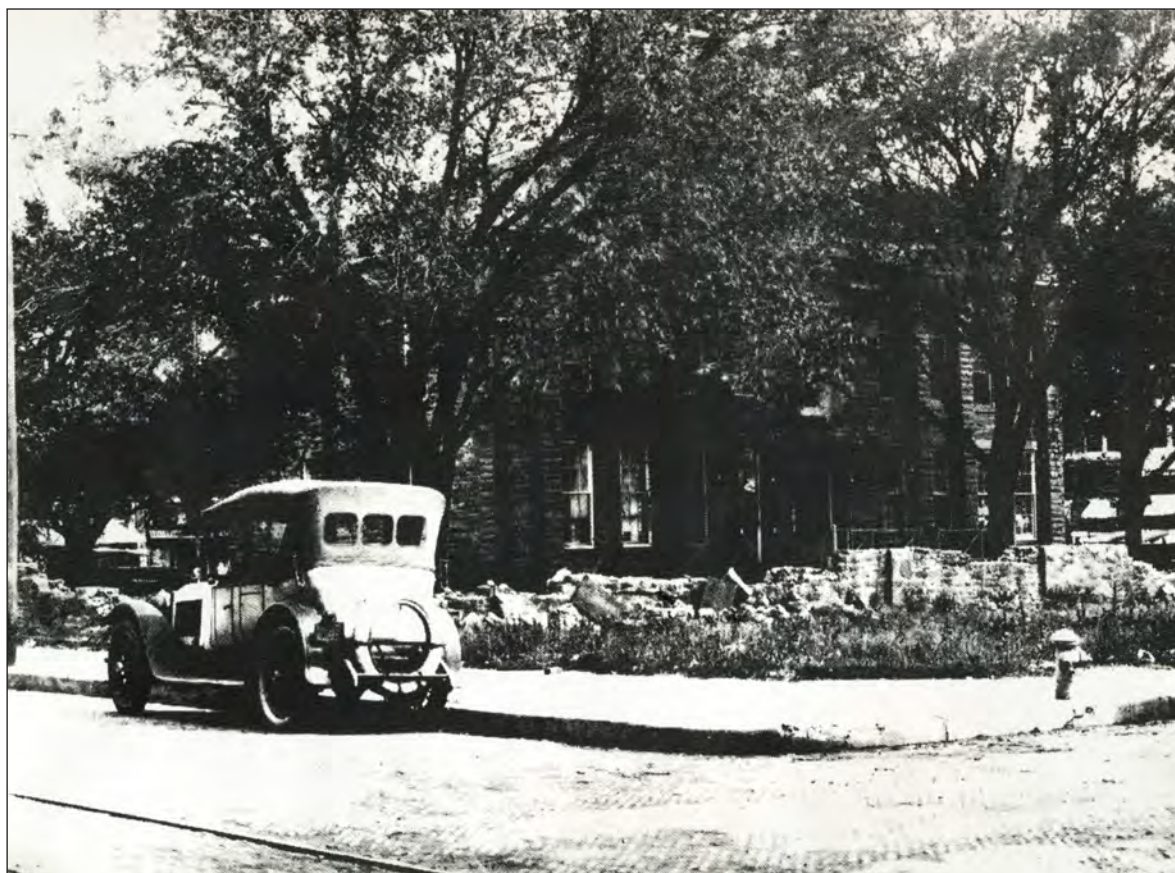
"I've heard some people wonder would we (city) be able to use it?" I told the board I don't think that the tribe would just flat cut Okmulgee off of it but that they would make it a bigger and better thing, probably the whole area around would be better ...but we want to get a commitment from the tribe, we don't want to go all this distance and then the tribe not be interested."

Plans are also being made to have a new multi-million dollar museum constructed on the campus of the tribal complex. If the tribe does purchase the Council House, will they continue to build and own two museums costing the tribe millions? It may even be possible the tribe could look at past treaties and find that they are legally able to take back the Council House without paying a dime.

The City of Okmulgee has preserved the Council House for many decades when the tribe did not have sovereign status and sufficient means to take care of it and it has always been permitted to be used by the tribe when needed.

The tribe and the city will have to meet eventually to decide the future of the Council House, just like they did almost 100 years ago to discuss the fate of a building that has come to be a part of everyone.

For the tribe, negotiating a piece of their own history, the biggest roadblock may be establishing trust. Although there may be many obstacles, the two parties must decide the fate of a physical construction that was erected in 1878 which now stands as a bridge between two cultures and forever will be.



Oklahoma Libraries/Archives

This 1920s era photograph shows the Creek Council House Museum not long after an attempted demise by city residents who wanted it gone, shown by evidence of the partially destroyed southwest corner wall. Negotiations may be under way soon between the current owner, which is the City of Okmulgee, and the past owners, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, for the tribe to purchase it back.

brainwashing.

Throughout these years, the identity and life of the Council House was in direct correlation with the tribe itself, as the Muscogee (Creek) had been changing and taking in different societies, the Council House was symbolically doing the same. In 1961, the Council House would even be listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and was designated as a National Historic Landmark.

When the modern tribal era began and the Muscogee (Creek) were

getting back the historic building, though never a real concentrated effort, until now. City officials in their March monthly meeting tabled a decision to consider the sale of the Council House, however on Saturday, March 27, 2010, MCN National Council gave Principal Chief A.D. Ellis permission to negotiate with the city concerning the purchase of the Creek Council House Museum.

Muscogee (Creek) Attorney General Roger Wiley commented that, although the tribe is greatly interested in obtaining the Council House, "The city

back to them, ...if it was just up to me, I would just give it back," said Horn who mentioned that it has also been "just a bunch of political things," that tend to get in the way. "Some families here more or less think they own it like they think they own the city of Okmulgee," he stated.

Horn thinks that the majority of the city council also want to sell it back because economically, they see the upkeep of the Council House as "more of a liability, than an asset."

A price of \$3 million has been

School Clothing Program to begin accepting applications May 1, 2010

Media Release
Social Services

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program 2010/2011, will be accepting applications for school clothing on Monday, May 3, 2010 until September 3, 2010 at 5 p.m. This program is open to all Muscogee Creek citizen students no matter where they live within in the U.S.

The guidelines of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program are as follows:

- Child must have been previously enrolled as a Creek Citizen before making application. You must submit copies of each child's Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Card, or a print out from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Office.
- The student must be at least three years old and enrolled in a certified Head Start (not a day care) or be four years old and enrolled in a public/private school Pre-K program and no higher than the 12th grade.
- All students (head start through 12th grade) must have a school official complete the School Enrollment Form that will be provided with the application.
- Home schooled children ages 5 to 18 are also eligible and must provide accredited curriculum OR original receipts of textbooks purchased and the signing of the Affidavit by the individual providing the education. The Affidavit will be provided with the application.
- The primary custodial parent or legal guardian must complete the application.
- Assistance is given on a

per-child basis, not per household. If you turned in receipts for 09-10 that were less than the amount you received, you may still be eligible to receive some assistance in increments of \$200 (Example: If you received \$400 and turned in receipts that only totaled \$350, participants will be eligible to receive \$200.00.) Also, if you have another child just starting school, that child will not be affected by the reduced amount. The new child will be eligible for \$200.00.

Where can interested parties obtain an application? Applications may be picked up at the following locations:

- The School Clothing Program office, located behind the Social Services building at 2971 N. Wood Drive, Okmulgee, OK 74447.
- Any Creek Nation Child Development Center.
- Any Creek Nation Indian Community Center.
- You may download the application at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov
- Or call (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1(800)482-1979 for an application to be mailed or faxed to you directly.

All applications must be returned or mailed to: School Clothing Program, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447. Please do not fax or e-mail the application to us. We must have original documentation submitted to process your application.

For more information you may contact the School Clothing Program at (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1 (800) 482-1979.

2010 Challenge Bowl Belvin Hill Memorial Scholarship winning essays

Media Release
MCN Head Start

TULSA — *The following essays were written by Belvin Hill Memorial Scholarship winners Grant L. Proctor of Wilson High School and Tusa Beaver from Eufaula High School as part of recognition for their academic accomplishments at the 2010 JOM Challenge Bowl.*

The MCN Challenge Bowl is not only a chance to socialize with other young Creek people, but also a chance to learn about my culture.

When we are young we tend to not care about the older generations, which is one of the biggest mistakes we could make. Through studying for the Challenge Bowl we are given the chance to see the different stages our nation has been through. We get the opportunity to see the reasons for our removal, the turmoil our ancestors faced, and the great leaders who helped establish our tribe in Oklahoma. The Challenge Bowl is our chance to learn history and understand what we as a people have come from.

The Challenge Bowl is a fun way to learn the Creek language. This is important because without our language we are not true Muscogee Creek people. It is what distinguishes us from other tribes. Our language is beautiful and complex. It would be a shame to let it die.

Challenge Bowl has helped me realize that I am capable of competing with others in school activities and I am better prepared to handle the pressure. It has shown me that studying is not always a tiresome task. Being a part of this competition has boosted my self-confidence. I like the opportunity to compete with good teams. It has helped improve my leadership skills. All the members of a team have a responsibility, not just the captain. Pushing each other to study the literature and the language makes the team better and stronger. Then there is the reminder to respect others. Picking up trash, holding the door open for

another person, or shaking someone's hand, these are all ways we show respect to a person. It is important that we continue to teach the practice of showing respect.

At a younger age, I did not realize that competing in something like the MCN Challenge Bowl could teach me important lessons. I have greatly enjoyed having the opportunity to participate in the MCN Challenge Bowl.

— Tusa Beaver

My name is Grant Proctor and I am a senior at Wilson High School. I have competed in every Muscogee Creek Nation Challenge Bowl since I was in the fourth grade. The Challenge Bowl has opened many opportunities for me such as meeting new people and friends, improving my grades and academics, and most of all learning about my Native American heritage.

The atmosphere that you experience while competing at the Challenge Bowl is unrivaled. Kids come from all around the state to compete in this Native American academic contest. The Challenge Bowl not only helps kids test their knowledge, but also to socialize and bond with children who come from similar backgrounds. I have met many friends over the years from competing in this competition.

Before I competed in the Challenge Bowl I found it hard to study

for tests or quizzes. I just didn't concentrate well on schoolwork. The Challenge Bowl helped me to develop better studying skills and also to find a fun way to learn!

Although I am only half Native American I still knew relatively nothing about my heritage. That is until I studied the Challenge Bowl materials. I learned much about Indian history, how Creek Nation came to be, and a decent amount of the Creek language. I not only learned but my family did also, including my father, mother, and older brother. I had much fun studying with my father who would often tell me how his parents would tell him the stories exactly like the ones I was studying. To an extent it is like I am carrying on a legacy from not only my father but Native Americans from all over. I feel it is my duty to pass on this knowledge to my children and their children and so on.

I hear talk from the elders of my church who say that our tribes and nations are steadily disappearing and that our heritage will end with my generation. I believe that the Challenge Bowl is helping to restore the greatness of our tribes and race. Steadily and silently nobody realizes but the Muscogee Creek Nation Challenge Bowl is giving birth to tomorrow's leaders and revitalizing the Native American Race.

— Grant Proctor



FEATURES

SECTION B

April 1, 2010 Edition

2010 Fun Night for Dad and Me

• Head Start hosts annual event for children and adults

Media Release
MCN Head Start

OKMULGEE — On Friday, March 12, 2010, dads and their children from each of the Head Start centers came to the First Baptist Church, in Okmulgee, so that they could spend quality time together.

Activities were set up for everyone to participate in and have fun. Appreciation goes to the MCN Diabetes program, the MCN Child Support Division, and the Okmulgee Youth Services for participating.

Awarded the “Dad of the Year” was Eufaula H.S. Center nominee, Mr. Tommy Lee. Other nominees included: Mr. Doug Uggla of the Okmulgee Head Start Center, Mr. Waylon Hobia, of the Yeager Head Start Center, Mr. Bradley Fixico, of the Okemah Head Start Center, Mr. Kendell Allen of the Checotah Head Start Center and Mr. Brad Barnes of the Tulsa Head Start Center.

This is an annual event for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start program and was well attended by fa-



MCN/Head Start

Pictured above are participants in the 2010 Fun Night for Dad and Me hosted by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start Program. Children and their fathers had the opportunity to play games and snack and enjoy each other's company at the event.

thers and their child. It is a time that children look forward to being with “Dad.”

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start would like to recognize and extend our appreciation to the Pastor and members of the First Baptist

Church of Okmulgee for providing the facility to make this event possible. Thanks would not be complete without also acknowledging all the donations provided for this event.

For more information on MCN Head Start, call (918) 732-7898.

Higher Education applications due June 1, 2010

Media Release
MCN Higher Education

OKMULGEE — Applications for the 10/11 academic year for higher education funding are now available on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation web site under bulletins at www.musco-geenation-nsn.gov

Applications will be taken

through June 1, 2010. The Higher Ed Scholarship (BIA) is need-based and students must complete financial aid and FAFSA before applying (a CDIB card is also required). The Tribal Grant is not need-based and students may apply for both programs.

Students currently receiving grants with complete files will be sent a renewal form for the 10/11 academic year in April. Students must complete and return the form before June 1, 2010. For more information, call (918) 732-7695 or (800) 482-1979.

Summer Youth deadline set for Friday, April 9, 2010

Media Release
MCN Employment and Training

OKMULGEE — Friday, April 9, 2010 is the deadline for Native American youth to apply for summer youth employment through the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Employment and Training Summer Youth Program.

In order to request and complete applications for the program, all paperwork must be submitted to the office by 5 p.m., Friday April 9, 2010.

Qualifications for the pro-

gram include living within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundaries, being a member of any federally recognized tribe and between the ages of 16-21.

The program is open to all Native American youth and college students are also welcome to participate.

For more information or to apply for the program, please call (918) 732-7784, (918) 732-7776 or (918) 732-7775. Office hours are from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Miss Muscogee Pageant deadline set for April 13, 2010

Media Release
MCN Pageant Committee

OKMULGEE — The Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant is set for 7 p.m., June 2, 2010 at the Henryetta High School Alice Ghostly Auditorium.

Applications are now available at www.musco-geenation-nsn.gov or in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Human Development Building.

The two pageant categories include Miss Muscogee Nation (ages 17-22) and Junior Miss Muscogee Nation (ages 14-17).

Applicants must be at least 1/4 Creek and willing to appear at events throughout the year.

For more information please contact KoKo Lowe at (918) 732-7724 or Virginia Thomas (918) 732-7839.



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Coming and Going in Indian Country

by Joy Harjo

It is supposed to be spring. It's trying to be spring. I wake up this morning to freezing temperatures, and it's almost April in New Mexico. I remember Oklahoma springs in childhood. I felt like a small plant and knew myself as part of the earth. I'd get up before anyone else. I liked smell of the medicine of plants, and felt the snakes, earthworms, horned toads sliding and walking about, including the mole who lived in the yard moving through the earth. In those times, robins came only in the spring. Our backyard was full of poison ivy. We had to be careful, especially our sister. She was highly allergic to it. Mostly it didn't bother me. The front was carpeted in clover patches and dandelions. I knew these plants intimately and practically lived in them in the spring and summer. I knew June bugs, roly-poly bugs, and played with them.

I liked getting up when the sun got up. The breaking of dawn was my time to just be, without the worry or pressure of any family drama. I liked being with thoughts that were fed by the sun, by the trees, plants and the creatures. I usually had a dog. They always followed me home. When I was five, I had a dog I named "Alligator". I've always had a fondness for alligators, some kind of connection I don't totally understand. It isn't my clan. My clan through my father is Katcv, or Tiger clan. I don't know my mother's Cherokee clan, even though her mother was raised Cherokee near Moody, Oklahoma.

I knew the bees and played with them as freely as I played with the garter snakes, horned toads, and the other creatures. I'd play house. I'd catch the bees, hold them in my hands, and set them where I wanted them. They didn't mind me handling them as long as they could get on with their business. They had a tender mind toward me as a young one.

One day I was out playing in the late morning. My mother and her friends were sitting out on the porch, drinking iced tea, smoking cigarettes and telling stories. Usually the stories ran along the

lines of who came home and who didn't come home, and all the drama going on among them and their families. My mother was also writing songs at that time. She was still at home and didn't have to work yet. Her best friend was another Cherokee woman who lived across the street. I liked hearing them talk, their presence there. I adored my mother. She was beautiful, dynamic, and loved to sing.

As they talked I continued my play in the clover. I caught bees as I often did and played with them. My mother and her friend saw me. I can still see my mother's concerned expression and hear her alarmed voice, "You'll get stung!" It was then the bee stung me. I felt betrayed and confused by the situation. I didn't pick up bees again for years.

I'm a bit road weary this morning. Just returned from Andover, Massachusetts and Huron, Ohio. What stands out about this trip is that in each place an indigenous person of those lands welcomed me. In Andover, Annawon Weeden, a beautiful, young Mashpee Wampanoag man sang a welcome before my show. In Huron, Bruce V. Molnar who is vice chairman of the Pokagan Band Gaming Commission a member of the Pokagan Nation came to my first event and welcomed me, in the Muscogee language! This made a huge difference in the energy of the transaction. A performance is not just the performer: it's the audience, the performer, the original keepers of the land, the place, and what has happened and what is going on there.

And finally, my brother still doesn't have his CDIB or his tribal citizenship card. My sister drove my brother to Oklahoma City to get the change on his birth certificate. Our father was a "Jr.". It appears on one document and not the other. They learned to do so will require a court order. Nathan and the staff have been helpful. The bureaucracy is hell. I guess we've been fully colonized.



Mvskoke Country: We Have Just Begun!

by James Treat

The second day of this year's Food Sovereignty Symposium was every bit as engaging as the first. Speakers from Mvskoke country and beyond continued our conversation about tribal survival in the modern world.

The founder of the California-based Indigenous Permaculture Program described their work of developing sustainable communities, from Central America to the Northern Plains, using traditional teachings about farming and technology.

The program director of the Traditional Native American Farmers Association presented his approach to organic agriculture in the desert Southwest.

Two leaders of the Pawnee Seeds Project, a last-ditch effort sponsored by the Oklahoma tribe's Culture Committee, reported on their success at raising heirloom varieties on ancestral lands in present-day Nebraska.

An Arapaho rancher recounted his many years in the livestock industry and detailed the many advantages of grass-fed buffalo and cattle.

Two members of the Oklahoma Farmers and Ranchers Association spoke about the benefits of buying food that is locally grown and produced.

Representatives from the National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service and the Oklahoma Agricultural Mediation Program explained the free assistance

available to anyone involved in farming or ranching.

The owners of Three Springs Farm, a small-scale operation in Cherokee County, discussed their effort to raise vegetables in a way that is both environmentally responsible and commercially viable.

More than 250 people participated in the symposium this year, according to the Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative. Attendance was considerably better than last year's inaugural event, a sign of growing environmental awareness in Mvskoke country.

The younger participants spent most of each day in a separate youth track organized by Adam Recvlohe and Chako Ciocco, who hoped to "bridge the gap between a broad historical and cultural awareness and the specific needs of our local communities in terms of food sovereignty and revitalizing traditional agriculture." The youth agenda featured topical workshops as well as outdoor activities: playing chunky, throwing atlats and practicing traditional archery with Mvskoke Etlwa Cvkotakse Seccvlke, the Mvskoke Bow Shooters Society.

Toward the end of the second day, the young people returned to the Mound Building with a formal declaration of their concerns and commitments, which they wrote and presented collaboratively. It was a memorable way to close the second annual Food Sovereignty Symposium; here is their statement in its entirety:

YOUTH DECLARATION

We are unbreakable
We need a chance
We believe in ourselves
We will not forget our ways
We are fearless
We need support from our people
We believe in change
We will not back down in order to succeed
We are the future
We need a voice
We believe we are leaders
We will not crumble
We are not satisfied
We need respect
We believe we will survive
We will not stop until we are satisfied
We are determined
We need commitment
We believe in our culture
We will not lose faith
We are history
We need purpose
We believe that the world is ready
We will not regret
We are the future
We are one!
We have just begun!

These are powerful words, and they deserve an encouraging response from those of us who are not so young. What can YOU do to help secure the future of the Mvskoke people?

We have just begun!

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You can find more information about Mvskoke country, including an archive of previous columns, at <http://mvskokecountry.wordpress.com/>

I welcome your comments on anything I've written, as well as your suggestions for things I should be writing about. You can reach me by e-mail at treaty@illinois.edu



CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Commercial Tobacco Conference

NORMAN — The third annual Preparing for the 7th Generation: The Journey continues in Commercial Tobacco Control Conference will be held April 7-9, 2010 at the National Center for Employee Development located at 2801 State Highway 9, in Norman. There is no registration fee.

Various speakers will address tobacco prevention services. For more information, please contact Linda Robertson at (405) 271-3619 or lindaj@health.ok.gov

Memorial Gospel Singing

OKEMAH — On Saturday, May 30, Springfield United Methodist Church will host the annual memorial gospel singing. Concessions will be available and participants are asked to bring their own lawn chairs for the event.

Singing will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Ethel Humble at (918) 623-1710.

Immersion School Curriculum Review Committee

MORRIS — The Este Mvskokvlke Oponakv Takuecvlke Curriculum Review Committee will meet the second Saturday of every month beginning Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Morris, Okla.

Following the meeting will also be a potluck dinner.

This will be a social meeting to discuss, review and adopt Mvskoke curriculum words such as science, computer, fractions, efficiency, etc.

The committee is open to all fluent Mvskoke speakers and elders to come join the fun, socialize, and do something great for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the first Immersion School. Your ideas, experiences, and knowledge are important to the cause!

For more information, contact

National Council Rep. Terrie Anderson at (918) 237-1417 or by e-mail at: tanderson@mcnnc.com

MFSI Mobile Resource Unit

MOUNDS — The Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative will be coming through Mounds Community April 17, 2010.

The MFSI Mobile Resource Unit will be handing out free Farmers Resource Manuals at the Veterans Park from 10-2 p.m., that give an easy to read guide of federal grants programs offering a wide variety of assistance to farmers and ranchers. Aid is also available for those just starting a farm or ranch.

For more information, please contact Vicky Karhu at (918) 470-3819 or Ben Yahola at (918) 752-6140. Staff from MFSI will be on hand to answer any questions.

Community Policy Workshop rescheduled for April 10

OKMULGEE — MCN Community Research & Development rescheduled the March workshop for April 10, 2010.

The Smoke Shop and Social Services Policies for the Communities Workshop will be Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. - noon at the Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center located at 2975 E. Martha Berryhill Ave., in Okmulgee.

Breakfast will be served. The departments asks that at least two board members as well as the Smoke Shop manager be in attendance.

The workshop will cover Communities, Social Service and Smoke Shop Policy and Procedures. Additionally, the MCN Community Services Program Managers will be there to give a 10-minute presentation of the programs provided and "Blue Books" will be distributed at the workshop. Please RSVP by contacting CR&D at (918) 732-7963.

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2010 Festival activities schedule

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The following is a list of activities for the 2010 Muscogee Nation Festival.

Friday, June 4

7 p.m.

- Miss/ Jr. Miss Muscogee Nation Pageant—Henryetta High School Auditorium—1800 W. Troy Aikman Drive, in Henryetta

Friday, June 18

6:30 p.m.

- Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
- Arts and Crafts
- Food Vendors

Saturday, June 19

8 a.m.

- Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
- Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gym—1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive

11 a.m.

- Arts and Crafts
 - Food Vendors
 - Muscogee Royalty Reception
- 7 p.m.
- Live Entertainment

Sunday, June 20

8 a.m.

- Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

Thursday, June 24

12 p.m. Noon

- Open Bow Shooting Range—West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex
- 7:30 p.m.
- Stomp Dance—South of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex

Friday, June 25

8 a.m.

- Junior Olympics — Harmon Stadium—601 E. 12th Street
 - Senior Citizens Activities — Elderly Nutrition Center
 - Farmers' Market
- 8:30 a.m.
- Golf Tournament (Scramble)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course HWY 150, Checotah

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10 a.m.

- Children's Fun Fair

12 p.m.

- Open Bow Shooting Range—Grounds West of Mound Building, Tribal Complex

5 p.m.

- Arts & Crafts
- Food Vendors

5:30 - 7 p.m.

- Living Legends

6:30 p.m.

- Fast Pitch Softball Tournament

6:30 - 9 p.m.

- Rodeo—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
- 9 p.m.
- Live Entertainment - Randy Houser

Saturday, June 26

8 a.m.

- Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gymnasium - 1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive
- 5k Walk/Run
- Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
- Horseshoe Tournament
- Children's Fun Fair
- Farmers Market

8:30 a.m.

- Golf Tournament (Individual Qualification)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course HWY 150, Checotah

9 a.m.

- Volleyball Tournament

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Child Safety Seat Check—Parking Lot West of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Council House Indian Art Festival—106 West 6th, Downtown Okmulgee

10 a.m.

- Festival Parade—Main Street (6th Street), Downtown Okmulgee

- Rodeo Slack—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
- 11 a.m.

- Arts & Crafts
- Food Vendors

12 p.m.

- Open Bow Shooting Range—West of Mound Building, Tribal Complex

2-6 p.m.

- Creek Hymn Singing and Gospel Singing—South of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex

6:30- 9 p.m.

- Rodeo Finals — Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena

9 p.m.

- Live Entertainment - The Temptations

Sunday, June 27

8 a.m.

- Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
- Farmers Market
- Children's Fun Fair

8:30 a.m.

- Golf Tournament (Championship) — Fountainhead Creek Golf Course, HWY 150 Checotah

11 a.m.

- Arts & Crafts
- Food Vendors

All events unless otherwise noted will take place at the Claude Cox Omniplex in Okmulgee, Okla. Shuttle parking will be available at Housing and east of the Mound Building. All events are subject to change.

For more information, contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732-7992.

Nominations for Living Legends now being accepted

Media Release

MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — The 36th Annual Creek Festival is seeking nominees for the Living Legends ceremony that will honor two tribal citizens who have devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek citizens. Several citizens have done great things and never have received recognition. This is an opportunity to honor them while their living.

Two individuals will be selected by a committee from nominations. The committee will consist of the Principal Chief, Second Chief, Speaker of the National Council, all Creek Nation Directors, the Executive Director and the Judicial Branch Judge. All committee members are also enrolled Creek citizens.

Nominees must meet the following qualifications:

- Must be a Creek citizen
- Must be at least 55 years of age
- Must have devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek people or MCN government in areas such as art, crafts, politics, education, and or ceremonial/religious leaders.

The committee will select two individuals from submitted nominees and honor them during on Friday, June 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., on the Local Stage at the Claude Cox Omniplex. All nominees must be submitted to the Office of the Principal Chief at: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Deadline: Wednesday, May 26, 2010.

Muscogee Festival now accepting parade entries for June 26

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Parade will be held Saturday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m., in Okmulgee, Okla.

The Festival Committee is now accepting applications for the MCN Festival Parade which will follow a route through historic downtown Okmulgee along Main (6th) Street passing directly in front of the Creek Council House Museum.

Participants may enter a float to advertise a company and MCN departments, communities, ceremonial grounds, churches and organizations are also encouraged to enter.

For more information, visit the Festival Event section on the MCN web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov an application or contact MCN Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992 or (800) 482-1979.

Festival Committee now accepting applications for support staff

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Festival Committee is currently accepting applications for a janitorial and trash clean-up crew during the 2010 Festival Slow-Pitch and Festival Weekend.

Crews will be paid \$1,500 for both weekends. For details contact Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992 or tourism@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

The Festival Committee is also accepting applications for a parking attendant coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for having a minimum of 15 workers for the Festival Weekend June 25-26, 2010.

The team will be paid \$2,300. For more information contact Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992 or tourism@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Program Spotlight: MCN Housing Division

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation offers a variety of programs that citizens may utilize. The MCN Housing Division has 80 active employees to help meet the housing needs of eligible Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens. The Housing Division offers four programs including mortgage assistance, rental properties, rehabili-

tion's environmental guidelines. However, land is usually acquired by the department and used for new home construction. The MCN Mortgage Assistance Program offers \$25,000 for home purchase assistance to qualified candidates while funds are available. The office may be reached at (918) 759-4143.

The tax credit can assist the homeowner with approximately \$8,000 worth of tax relief, if they meet all the requirements. More information may be found at www.irs.gov/individuals where citizens can click on the first-time home buyer credit. Other options for potential buyers are also available on the web site as well.

this program as well. The Housing Division Rental Properties Department has more information on this and may be reached at (918) 756-8504.

As with this and many other MCN programs, citizens should have necessary paperwork handy such as CDIB card, enrollment card, when applying.

MCN Housing Division can utilize HUD based financial assistance programs for their housing programs to assist with the needs of Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens. For more information on MCN Housing Division programs or to apply, please contact Admissions at (918) 732-7895 or the Executive Office at (918) 752-3101.

"This program helps tribal members and senior citizens save on these out-of-pocket expenses. My hat goes off to L.V., and Brad for doing such an outstanding job."

— MCN citizen Barney Ingram

tation of privately owned homes and lease with option to purchase.

According to the MCN Housing Division web site (www.creeknation-housing.org), citizens who wish "to participate in any housing program must submit in person, a complete, signed and dated written application to the Housing Division Admissions Department for processing according to specific program eligibility requirements."

In 1992, Congress enacted a Native American loan section 184 program run by ONAP (Office of Native American Programs) which is a department of HUD (Housing and Urban Development) and bases criteria on the ability of the borrower to pay and recent payment history, according to research by Gateway Mortgage Group. This section 184 program also allows for lower credit scores, which assists buyers who are trying to get back on-track after financial hardship.

For more information or to apply for the 184 program, call (918) 526-9427 or visit www.nativeamericanloans.net

Lease with Option to purchase applicants may apply, even if they do not currently live in the Creek Nation boundaries, however, they must be willing to relocate to the area. If the applicant owns land within the boundaries, they may use it if it meets the Na-

According to official documents from MCN Director of Housing Ron Qualls new activities planned for 2010 include the construction of 30 elderly housing units and Housing will provide geothermal heat and all to all units developed in 2010 utilizing stimulus funding for both.

The 2009 breakdown of the 4,988 families assisted includes the provision of 370 Rehab of Privately Owned Homes, 181 Homeownership "all programs", 476 Rehab of Mutual Help, Rental and NAHASDA Homes and 3,961 Force Account Minor Rehab according to statistics provided by Qualls.

Housing also plans to construct all homes, if feasible, utilizing the structurally insulated panel (SIP) plant in Wetumka, Okla.

Area realtor Valerie Rice of Holden Real Estate says the Home Buyers Tax Credit has increased the number of buyers from her experience, "While not everyone is taking advantage of the program, it is very easy to use. There is lots of paperwork, but it's worth the time to get through the nitty-gritty and filling it out. We've seen an increase in homeowners, due to the tax credit."

However, sometimes potential homeowners may not understand all of the requirements of the tax credit and are unable to take advantage of the program.

The time spent on the MCN waiting list varies but may be up to several years for the construction of a new home, while home rehabilitation has a much faster turn-around.

"I had a backed-up sewer line and L.V. Smith and Brad Fox of Force Account worked on it three days in a row until they got it fixed," said MCN citizen Barney Ingram of Okmulgee, Okla. "I appreciate the great job they did. If Force Account wasn't there, it would cost us a lot of money. This program helps tribal members and senior citizens save on these out-of-pocket expenses. My hat goes off to L.V., and Brad for doing such an outstanding job. We really appreciate them."

The Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Homes program provides assistance to existing homeowners by affording them a clean, safe and sanitary home according to the MCN Housing Division web site.

This includes instances where an emergency may cause action to be taken, such as a house fire, break-in, or act of nature. In any circumstance where homeowners feel they may require assistance, they may contact MCN Housing Division at (918) 756-8504, to see if they qualify for these services.

The MCN Housing Division also offers rental units. Locations of rentals include Okmulgee, Okemah, Checotah and Eufaula. Elderly housing is part of

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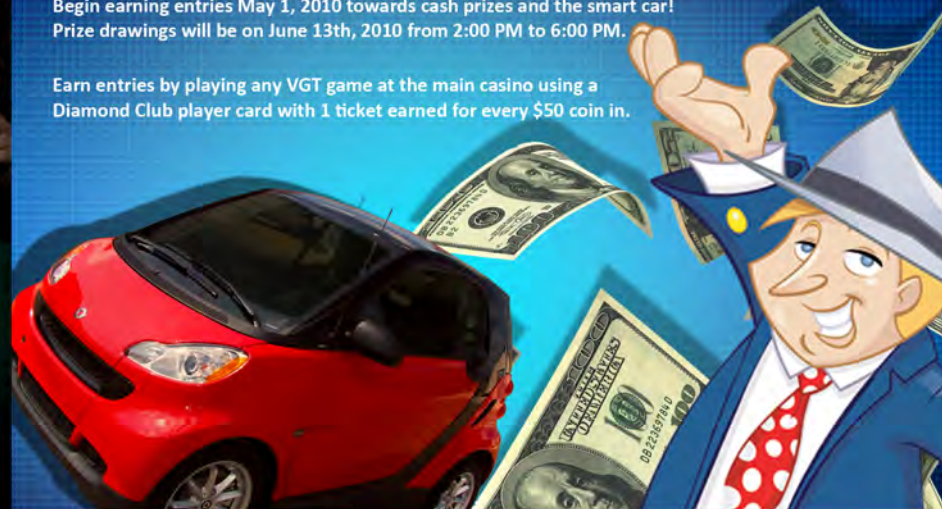
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ETHAN WAKEFORD



JENKS — Ethan Wakeford, 9, has earned his Bear Rank in Cub Scouts. He had to complete 12 different requirements, including requirements to do One for God, Three for Country, Four for Family and Four for Self. He received his honor on the 100th Birthday of Scouting on February 08, 2010.

Ethan is in the 3rd Grade at Jenks West Elementary. He was also a part of a group of JWE students who read 1,000 minutes this summer and will get his picture in the yearbook.

Parents are Marcy and O. Steven Wakeford, III, and has one sibling, Julia Wakeford.

Maternal grandparents are Ramona and Archie Mason and Andrew and Carmelita Skeeter

Paternal grandparents are Sherry Wakeford and the late O. Steven Wakeford, III.

Ethan is of the Bear Clan and Duck Creek Tribal Town.

KATIE BRIDGES

KINGSLAND, Texas — Sharpshooter Katie Bridges at age 15 was at it again. This time at the Texas State Rifle Association Jr. Olympic Qualifying Matches at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth, Texas. January 9th and 10th she competed in 2 events to qualify for competition at the Jr. Olympics in air rifle and smallbore rifle.

In the air rifle event she shot a 361 with the state qualifying score of 370



missing the score by only nine points.

She could still get a second round invitation in that event. In the smallbore 3-position event she shot a score of 568 with the automatic invite score of 565 securing an invitation to the USA Shooting National Jr. Olympic Championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the Olympic Training Center two-story indoor range.

The matches will be held in April 2010. She will compete against the best junior competitors across the nation and possibly some from other countries as well in a 50 meter smallbore 3-position event.

Competitors range from first year college students to ages younger than herself. Bridges will receive a Silver Jr. Olympic Resident Qualifying medallion from USA Shooting and a 2nd place Texas State medallion from Texas State Rifle Association for this qualifying event. She will also receive a 2nd Place Texas State Rifle Association medallion for the J2 Division in the air rifle event. The 1st and 3rd place Overall State Winners were freshman in college and 1st place also being on the Olympic Development Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEE ANNIVERSARY

PADEN — Happy 65th wedding anniversary to Gene Lee Muscogee (Creek) and Adabell (Choctaw) Lee. Gene and Adabell grew up in the Paden area and married in Okemah on 14 April 1945. Gene retired



from the Oklahoma State Corrections Maintenance Department and Adabell is a homemaker, both are involved in their community.

There were 14 children: living children are Howard Selfof Shawnee, Ada Johnson of Paden, Jack Lee of Levelland, Texas, Cathy Smock of Paden, Tunney Lee of Okemah, Sherdell Lee of Paden, Vickey Lee of Paden, Mickey White of Paden, Shay Lackey of Shawnee, Anthony Lee of Paden; deceased children Mary Elisabeth, James Earl, and Johnny Elmo (Sandy) Lee; and one unofficially adopted daughter Diane White of Paden.

There are 25 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. There is to be a reception at the Lackey Lodge April 10, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 5p.m., where there will be food, games, and live music.

BIRTHS

STELLA IRIE LOWE



TULSA — Stella Irie Lowe was born to Sarah Grayson Lowe January 11, 2010 at Tulsa Regional Hospital. She weighed six pounds 10 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches in length.

Grandparents are Kenneth and Linda Lowe and Andrew and Mary Lowe.

BIRTHDAYS

GLENPOOL — Eli VanWoundenberg celebrated his 11th birthday on March 29, 2010.

Parents are Fred and Toni VanWoundenberg. Siblings are Joshua Woundenberg and Heather Reynolds. Grandparents are William and Verneda Reynolds and the late Elmer and Esther VanWoundenberg and Jack and Florence Cochran and Sam and Sarah Simmers.

Eli attends Glenpool Elementary School and is of the Wind Clan.

ELI VANWOUNDENBERG



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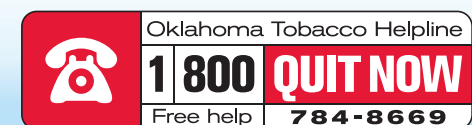


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Mvskoke or Okmulgee?

• Nation aims to regain ownership of historical structure

Thompson Gouge
MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — On March 27, 2010, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council unanimously passed TR 10-025 “A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Principal Chief to negotiate the purchase of a parcel of land located in Okmulgee, Okla., which includes the historic Muscogee (Creek) Capital Building known as the Creek Council House Museum” at the Regular Session meeting.

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis signed the legislation into law and feels the Muscogee (Creek) Nation would help the growth and development of downtown Okmulgee, if the tribe should regain ownership.

According to Public Relations Manager Thompson Gouge, the structure would continue to serve as a reminder of the Creeks’ rich history and culture.

“We would like to put to rest ideas floating around the community of what the tribe would do with the Creek Council House. The tribe would like to keep the integrity of the building alive with displays of our culture, history, art, tribal government while keeping our



MNN/Archives

Pictured above is the Creek Council House which has been the center of a current debate between the City of Okmulgee and the MCN for future ownership.

ties with the local community strong,” Gouge stated.

The Creek Council House was constructed with the hands of the Muscogee (Creek) people in 1878 and dedicated the Capital Building to serve as the center of Muscogee (Creek) government.

In 1906, the Muscogee (Creek) government lost all rights to ownership of building, including furnishings, to the federal government, which made the structure available for purchase by municipalities, towns and private par-

ties in disregard to the desires of the tribe. Later in 1919, the City of Okmulgee purchased the building and the grounds.

“As Mvskolke, we feel that the Creek Council House is not just a historical site but is also our home since the forceful removal of our people from our homelands in the east. To gain ownership once again would mean so much to our people; it would mean having our ancestors back. The Creek Council House is to Creek people as the ‘White House’ is to the President,” Gouge said.

Communities appeal to MCN Supreme Court

Angel Ellis
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE — The Duck Creek, Holdenville, Okemah, Checotah and Eufaula Indian Communities recently filed an intent to appeal to the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation after orders were handed down from the District Court last month.

The order released by Judge Patrick E. Moore placed the opera-

tions of the casinos, which were previously under the direction of the communities, under the management of the Gaming Operations Authority Board (GOAB). The order additionally absolved the communities and MCN 50/50 split which divided gaming funds between the tribe and the individual community.

SEE APPEAL - A8

Deadline to nominate Living Legends set for May 26, 2010

Media Release
MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — The 36th Annual Creek Festival is seeking nominees for the Living Legends ceremony that will honor two tribal citizens who have devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek citizens. Several citizens have done great things and never have received recognition. This is an opportunity to honor them while they are living.

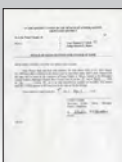
Two individuals will be selected by a committee from nominations. Nominees must be a Creek

citizen at least 55 years of age who has devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek people or MCN government in areas such as art, crafts, politics, education, and or ceremonial/religious leaders.

The committee will honor two recipients on Friday, June 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., on the local stage at the Claude Cox Omniplex. All nominees must be submitted by Wednesday, May 26, 2010 to the Office of the Principal Chief at: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, in order to be considered.

A2 LEGAL

Legal Notice: Petition for Name Change



A3 LEGAL

Letter from the MNN Editor



A4 CAPITOL

‘That One Team’ takes championship



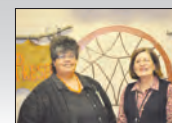
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MCN Human Development





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District Court filings for January 2010

The District Court filings from January 1, 2010 thru January 31, 2010 are as follows:

Divorce:

Tommy Jones v. Marilyn Jones	Divorce
ShaLae Barnes v. Alven Barnes	Divorce
Tammy Lemasters v. Alan Lemasters	Divorce
Rebecca Clovis v. Rickey Clovis	Divorce
Chelsea Wadsworth v. Kevin Wadsworth	Divorce
Norman McNac v. Rhonda McNac	Divorce
James Jones v. Starla Jones	Divorce
Karen Totten v. Troy Totten	Divorce
Stacy Matthews v. Jeremy Matthews	Divorce
Dallas Ewton v. Tabitha Ewton	Divorce
Raymond Bevenue v. Ida Bevenue	Divorce

Family Domestic:

OCSE, ex rel., Linda Mellenberger v. Shannon Chambers	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., OJA v. Danny Isaacs	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Tamera Sloan v. Michael Sloan	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Vena Tawkoyty v. Erin Littlechief	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Melissa Lovell v. Eric Lovell	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Stephanie McGirt v. Arthur Bruner	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Michael Haire v. Crystal Starr	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Elizabeth Nicholas v. Jubal Nicholas	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Melinda George v. Daniel Smith	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Tera Fowler v. Bryon Fowler	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Erica Wright v. Willie Wright	Child Support

OCSE, ex rel., Rhonda Mellenberger v. Shannon Chambers	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Michelle Humphrey v. Rodney Humphrey	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Angela White v. Rodney Sala	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Evelyn Wheat v. Felicia Wheat	Child Support

Ex-Parte:

Marissa Harjo v. Michael Sullivan	Ex-Parte
Alex Meely v. Arnold Meely	Ex-Parte
Elizabeth Baker v. Sara Watashe	Ex-Parte
Amye Alvarez v. Thomas Bolden	Ex-Parte
Lisa Hill v. Millie Hill	Ex-Parte
Lisa Hill v. Sonja Hill	Ex-Parte
Johnny Harjo Jr., v. Sonja Hill	Ex-Parte
Johnny Harjo Jr., v. Millie Hill	Ex-Parte

Criminal Misdemeanor:

MCN v. Roxanne Nelson	Ct. 1: Public Intoxication
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Traffic:

MCN v. Reuben Mercado	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Austin Thacker	Ct. 1: Expired Tag
MCN v. Cody Hunter	Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct
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MCN v. Avila Sandoval	Ct. 1: No Driver's License
MCN v. Alan Jimboy	Ct. 1: No Driver's License
MCN v. Andres Campos	Ct. 1: No Driver's License
MCN v. Michael Dayton	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Michael Dayton	Ct. 1: Expired Tag

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:)
E.M., DOB: 11-20-07) Case No. JV-2007-08
Alleged Deprived Child.)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:
Darryl Love/Unknown Father

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 13th day of July, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the child remain a ward of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

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JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the Name Change of:)
N.A.S.) Case Number CV 2010- 43
Judge Patrick E. Moore)

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: Whom it may concern

Erick Wayne Starr and Kyla Jean Stephens, for their minor child, N.A.S., born August 25, 1998 have filed a *Petition* in the above Court to have their minor child's name changed and the same will be heard in the courtroom of Judge Patrick E. Moore, located in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Hwy 75 and Loop 56, on the 13th day of June, 2010 at 10 o'clock A m, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any person may file a written protest in this case prior to the date set for the hearing.

Given under my hand a seal this 9th day of April, 2010

COURT CLERK
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Oklahoma
By Sharon McClanathan
Deputy

(SEAL)



Letter from MNN Editor:

Estonko!

I love seeing the daffodils springing up along the side of the road here in Oklahoma and enjoying the sights and sounds of a freshly-cut lawn during the cool evenings usually associated with the month of April.

April 22, 2010 marks Earth Day and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in conjunction with the Food and Fitness Policy Council will be hosting a ceremony where citizens, tribal officials and local residents can participate in the planting of a Yaupon Holly tree.

A free tree will also be given to each chartered community for planting at the event which will begin at 10:30 a.m., at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veterans War Memorial Park located on the west side of the tribal complex in Okmulgee. For more information, contact MFSI at (918) 756-5915.

I hope there are others doing their part to take care of our planet by doing something as simple as planting a tree this spring. After all, there's only one OKLAHOMA... (for my fellow Sooners) and only one Muscogee (Creek) Nation, so it's our responsibility to take care of the soil, whether it's red dirt or the grass-covered Okmulgee mounds in Georgia.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at R Landsberry@muscogeenation-nsn.gov



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the marriage of JONES:

TOMMY KAWEE JONES,

Petitioner,

MARILYN JEAN JONES,

Respondent.

Case No. DV-2010-06

Before Patrick E. Moore
Judge of the District Court

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: MARILYN JEAN JONES

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. DV-2010-06, styled In re the Marriage of Tommy Kawee Jones, Petitioner and Marilyn Jean Jones, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage* from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

25th You are notified that a hearing has been scheduled in this matter on the day of May, 2010 at 2 o'clock P.m. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in his *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 6 day of April, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

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Attorneys for the Petitioner

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

A.K.G., DOB: 06-05-09

Alleged Deprived Children.

Case No. JV-2009-06

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Antholette Grayson, Natural Mother

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

Oklahoma on the 8th day of June, 2010 at 10:00 a.m

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. **YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED** that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

F.V.; DOB: 10-27-92

Alleged Deprived Child.

Case No. JV-2010-04

JUVENILE SUMMONS

THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: Glenn Dale Carney/ Unknown Father
1320/1420 N. Collins
Okmulgee, OK 74447

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above-named child is a deprived child and that, as the parent of said child(ren), you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 4th day of May, 2010 at the hour of 10:00 A.m for an adjudication hearing and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

Issued this 26th day of February, 2010.

Shavon McLenathan
Deputy Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court

[Seal]

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

D.D., DOB: 04/15/1993

W.D., Jr., DOB: 08/25/2001

Alleged Deprived Children

Case No. JV-2008-01

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Lisa Dobbs, Mother of W.D., Jr.

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Oklahoma on the 13th day of July, 2010 at 10:00 a.m

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JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

McGirt retires after 35 years of service to Nation



MNN/Melodie Reader

MCN Night Janitor Supervisor Dave McGirt celebrated his retirement on Friday, April 9, 2010 at 2 p.m., in the GSA offices. McGirt reminisced about the beginning of his 35 year tenure as a tribal employee and how the complex has grown during that time. Administration and employees dropped in to wish him the best of luck.

'That One Team' takes first in MCN employee co-ed softball tournament



T&R/Brian On-The-Hill

Pictured from left to right are Silas Baker, Samantha Bales, Amber Sands, Aaron Tecumseh, Justin Binning, Carmen Burgess, Brandy Beaver, David Pascale, Jason Salsman and Darren DeLaune who placed first at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation employee co-ed softball tournament. Following 'That One Team' in first place was 'First Team' in second and 'Team Clutch' in third.

Veterans' Scoop

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Veterans Affairs Services Office

The Veterans' Scoop will feature articles and updates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and other credible sources.

Veterans Workforce Investment Program coming to Muskogee

MUSKOGEE — East Central University in Ada will be bringing a condensed version of the Veterans Workforce Investment Program to Muskogee in May.

The program consists of classroom training, resource development, green energy job certifications and assistance with placement. The two certifications that will be offered will be in the Weatherization and Blower Door Use and Infrared Science Use and Analysis.

Muskogee will host a weekend for the training which has been scheduled May 15-16.

Participants must be a veteran and will need to provide a copy of the DD214; must be willing and able to obtain employment; must be in good physical condition to include but not limited to having the ability to 'lift up to 40 pounds; must have a barrier to employment but not as such that would be unable to fully participate in the program; and must be registered with Workforce OK.

Interested employers who have certification needs for green jobs are also encouraged to contact the local Workforce Center for further information. Please contact Kathy Durland or Kevin Heath at (918) 682-3364.



Senior Services to offer lawn assistance beginning May 4, 2010

Jackson Barnett

MCN Senior Services

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Senior Services Program will again offer the lawn-cutting / tree-trimming service to Mvskoke senior citizens during the summer months.

Senior Services will schedule a number of yards in one community or town for each work day. This will prevent the team from traveling from one area to another that may be many miles away, which can slow the work considerably.

Those requesting assistance through this program are asked to police their yards of paper, bricks, boards, diapers, clothes hangers and other items that may hinder work time and save the equipment from damage.

The service is set up to help senior citizens, 55 years and older, who may be unable to do this type of work for themselves or who cannot pay for such work.

If there are able-bodied men available in the household, lawn ser-

vices will not be rendered. Trees will be trimmed and grass will be cut, however, the service is not complete lawn care and will not offer weed-eating and additional manicuring of citizens' homes.

Please be patient. There are many requests and the staff will try to serve as many as possible.

To submit contact information including name, address and phone number, please contact Senior Services Manager Jackson Barnett at (918) 732 - 7723.

MCN SWAT earns 7th Generation Award



MCN Tobacco Prevention/Courtesy

On Friday, April 9, 2010 the MCN Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) received the 7th Generation Youth Advocate Award at the Third Annual Preparing for the 7th Generation Commercial Tobacco Dependence Awareness Conference entitled "The Journey Continues" in Norman, Okla. Pictured left to right on front row: MCN SWAT Sponsor Amy Yarger, Cynda Factor, Vivian Morris, Brittany Harjo, Aleyah Deere, and Kinta Deere; back row: Cynthia Tainpeah, MCN TPP Manager and Gail Boe, Osage Nation Tobacco Prevention CX Coordinator.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Shawn Partridge
Family Violence Prevention Program

OKMULGEE — In 2007, Amnesty International released an alarming report titled "Maze of Injustice" describing the epidemic of sexual violence against American Indian women in the U.S. The report included data from the Department of Justice stating that 1 in 3 Indian women report being raped during her lifetime. Research also indicated that Indian women are 2.5 times more likely to be victims of sexual assault than women of the general population.

Sexual violence against American Indian women has some very unique factors and implications. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, among sexual assault cases involving American Indian and Alaskan Native female victims, 86% of the perpetrators were identified as non-Indian men. In contrast, research indicates that non-Indian victims are typically assaulted by men within their own race. Aside from highlighting the alarming rates of sexual assaults against Native women, the Amnesty report focused on the failure of the criminal justice and legal systems in prosecuting perpetrators. The report argues that American Indian women are targeted for violence and denied justice based on their gender and cultural identity.

Estimates indicate that as many as 70 percent of sexual assaults perpetrated against Native women go unreported. Possible reasons a victim may not report the assault include feelings of guilt, shame, fear of being ostracized by family and friends and distrust of law enforcement and/or the criminal justice system. Trauma experienced as a result of sexual violence may be followed by sub-

stance abuse, depression, suicide attempts and an increase in high-HIV risk sexual behaviors. Advocacy programs such as The Family Violence Prevention Program can provide a number of supportive services to victims of sexual assault including counseling, peer support groups and safety planning. Advocates are also available to assist clients through the often intimidating legal process. Aside from the development and implementation of supportive and effective advocacy programs for victims, perpetrators being brought to justice can be just as important to a victim's safety, survival and well-being.

Combating sexual violence against American Indian women requires a multidimensional approach including the efforts of tribal, state and federal law enforcement, advocacy programs, judges and prosecutors, as well as community leaders, to ensure that victims are safe and to hold perpetrators accountable. The federal government has implemented new initiatives to specifically address sexual assault in Indian Country, however, our Nation must work diligently to find the solutions to protecting our own people. Developing a coordinated community response will allow the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to identify the strengths and challenges unique to our people in order to develop the most effective strategy to combat violence against women.

If you have been sexually assaulted please contact The Family Violence Prevention Program at 918-732-7869 or 1-800-521-5432 to speak to an advocate.

You are not alone. Please call.

Alzheimer's symptoms: Este emvkeriskv ehose hakvt

Media Release

MCN Health / Language Programs

OKMULGEE — (Continued from April MNN)

They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. Este mowat nvk semetehosket, este emeyvketcet, emvkerickvt kvfake haket, nak enpenkalet, nak enhotket towes.

They may be easily upset at home, at work, with friends or in places where they are out of their comfort zone. Ayvkhvmkvn emvkerickvt emvnok hoke encuko tis, atotketv, enhesse apakvkvt ton etv fullat.

What's typical? Heyvt estowe maheko towes:

Developing very specific ways of doing things and becoming irritable when a routine is disrupted.

Nak emvrvkat mecvtv emvrvhecihoce nat yaceko towes.



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MCN Human Development programs assist citizens with education and employment

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — It's that time of year again. The deadline of April 15, 2010 is not only the date for filing taxes, but also indicates the priority date for applications of both new and returning college students for federal financial aid for which they may apply on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) web site (www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Senior year is a prime time to send letters and complete applications for financial aid and scholarships. With that in mind, MCN Human Development has been busy processing applications for their various programs.

The most common funding is provided by student grants, loans and scholarships. By logging onto the FAFSA web site, new users will be issued a pin number and may complete the on-line application process.

Knowing the federal school code for the college or university students want to attend is essential

Creek Nation Higher Education Original Application, signed privacy statement and financial need must be established through the financial aid office at the college or university.

While some scholarships may be tribally specific, others may have a more general criteria base.

Prospective students may conduct internet scholarship searches utilizing the sites provided in the stat box as a starting point or go to www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov, click on the human development icon and peruse the information provided.

MCN Higher Education Manager Chanenna Davis and her staff handle a few thousand applications per year. Currently there are a total of 2,098 students who are supplemented in some way by programs offered. All programs operate on availability of funds.

The breakdown of students include 228 funded by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) plus 96 supple-



MNN/Melodie Reader

Pictured above are Muscogee (Creek) Nation Employment and Training Manager Danna Minnick (left) and Higher Education Manager Chanenna Davis (right).

“While youth are not 100 percent of our population, they are 100 percent of our future.”

— MCN Employment and Training Manager Danna Minnick

and the codes may be found on both the FAFSA and school web sites. High school counselors are a great resource for high school students to assist with the utilization of goals, educational plans and financial aid planning as well.

To apply for scholarships, grants and other financial aid programs through MCN Human Development, students must have the following on-hand: copy of Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), copy of Creek tribal enrollment card, recent photograph, letter of acceptance from college or university, high school transcript or G.E.D.,

mented, 924 students funded by tribal grants and scholarships, 638 students received the additional Incentive Grant and 212 students are funded through the masters and doctorate programs.

“Students may access our web site or call us to get details about the programs we offer,” said Davis. Davis travels to 20 area schools per year to discuss career and college preparation classes as requested. She also travels to career and college fairs to help make available the information concerning MCN grant and scholarship programs along with employment training programs and oppor-

tunities.

“I travel to area schools such as Bristow, Coweta, Henryetta, Mounds and Kellyville to help explain the programs we offer,” said Davis. “Usually the school calls for an appointment and we schedule about 20 appointments per year.”

Since the deadline for priority treatment for FAFSA applications is April 15, 2010 and the MCN Higher Education funding deadline is June 1, 2010, students should get all their paperwork submitted as soon as possible.

The grants are based on different criteria, including family size,

dependent or independent status and hours of enrollment. The monetary value of the grants range from \$1,000 - \$2,000 per semester. An incentive grant is also available in the amount of \$700 per semester for students who maintain a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) or higher. The GPA for the Tribal Grant depends upon the hours a student is enrolled in. Students have six weeks to get the proper paperwork turned in to the office before they may receive the grant. Contact the Higher Education Office for more information at (918) 732-7692 or (918) 732-7691.

“We are very glad to help any-

one who calls us for assistance,” said Davis. “We like to see our students make it, turn in all their forms, graduate, go on to get their Master’s and then obtain their Ph.D. It’s thrilling for all of us to see how it all comes together. We are so happy for them.”

However, sometimes students are pulled out of the program or put on probation due to low grades, health, family issues or other unforeseen circumstances that hinder their school progress. It’s in these instances that the heart of what Davis and her crew work for comes to light.

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"We see the students' struggles and empathize with them," said Davis. "We try to help as much as possible. We do our very best to look at every possible avenue to help the students. Sometimes it works out, other times it doesn't and those are the heartbreaking moments."

Students are encouraged to document problems when they arise, so that help is accessible.

"Sometimes the economy, health or family issues get in the way of schooling," said Davis. "We just need the student to document it, or have their physician send paperwork and we can usually work with them to resolve the issue."

MCN Human Development also offers an Employment and Training Administration (ETA) program. Danna Minnick, ETA Manager and her team operate the Summer Youth, Youth Works and Adult Employment and Training Programs.

These programs are based on the availability of funds. Students must be enrolled members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, be accepted to an accredited vocational school or training program, submit original application with education plan, have a recent photograph, proof of enrollment/schedule when applying for tribal grant (2.5 GPA) and an official transcript if applying for incentive grant (3.0 GPA).

The Summer Youth Program helps Native students between 16-21 find jobs and pays salaries for them during the months of June and July each year.

Participants must be members of a federally-recognized tribe to take advantage of the federally-funded program.

Students are paid minimum wage or more if they have attended college or vocational school for their work. The Summer Youth Pro-

gram participants receive assistance for a one-time ACT test fee during the school year.

If Summer Youth participants make the honor roll at their school, they are also rewarded for their effort.

"We have incentives for the Summer Youth Participants as well," said Minnick. "For different levels of Honor Roll, we give the students \$50 to \$100 for their outstanding achievement."

At the end of the summer, outstanding participants are recognized at an awards banquet.

While the deadline is past for this year, (April 9, 2010) students should keep their ear to the ground for job opportunities for the upcoming year.

"We currently have approximately 1,000 kids that have applied in the Summer Youth Program," said Minnick. "Kids may apply from the last week in December until April 9 for positions where their interest lies. We have a lot of interest in the program and have tried to help kids achieve their work goals during their time with the program."

Some students even use their work experience obtained from the Summer Youth Program as part of their work history on their resume. This gives the kids incentive to do a good job, so that supervisors give them good reviews for post Summer Youth Program jobs, according to Minnick.

Youth Works is another program in which Minnick assists disadvantaged youth between the ages of 16-21 in obtaining their GEDs while working. This program is tailored for single parents, youth recovering from alcohol or drug abuse, physical disabilities and dropouts.

Students must attend class to ensure that they are paid for their time.

Both the Summer Youth Program and the Youth Works Program are ways in which youth may learn the importance of dressing ap-

propriately for work, getting along with coworkers, being punctual and building work ethic.

The purpose of the Youth Works Program is to instill in the youth that a good education helps one obtain a better job, which in turn gives the student opportunities for a better life.

"While youth are not 100 percent of our population, they are 100 percent of our future," said Minnick. "That is why education is so important."

The Adult Programs are also tribally- and federally-funded and participants are given an educational allowance every two weeks to help with incidentals.

The classroom training is part of several area vocational schools such as Green Country Technology Center, Tulsa Technology Center, OSU-Okmulgee, Central VoTech, Indian Capital Technology Center, Wes Watkins and sometimes Gordon Cooper.

For more information on the Employment and Training Administration programs, please contact Intake Specialist and Receptionist Pam McFerrin at (918) 732-7777.

If a student wishes to attend a university, they may transfer to the Higher Education Department and go through that program to obtain help with a four-year educational institution.

After students complete their general education requirements, assistance is also provided for acceptance into the RAD tech or the RN programs at Seminole, Connors, TCC or Bacone, if desired.

MCN Human Development can be a valuable resource for Creek citizens to help fund their education and become better equipped to enhance the knowledge and culture of the tribe to our nation and our world.

For more information on education and employment assistance, contact Muscogee (Creek) Nation Human Development at (918) 732-7727.

School Clothing Program to begin accepting applications May 3, 2010

Media Release Social Services

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program 2010/2011, will be accepting applications for school clothing on Monday, May 3, 2010 until September 3, 2010 at 5 p.m. This program is open to all Muscogee Creek citizen students no matter where they live within in the U.S.

The guidelines of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program are as follows:

- Child must have been previously enrolled as a Creek Citizen before making application. You must submit copies of each child's Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Card, or a print out from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Office.
- The student must be at least three years old and enrolled in a certified Head Start (not a day care) or be four years old and enrolled in a public/private school Pre-K program and no higher than the 12th grade.
- All students (head start through 12th grade) must have a school official complete the School Enrollment Form that will be provided with the application.
- Home schooled children ages 5 to 18 are also eligible and must provide accredited curriculum OR original receipts of textbooks purchased and the signing of the Affidavit by the individual providing the education. The Affidavit will be provided with the application.
- The primary custodial parent or legal guardian must complete the application.
- Assistance is given on a

per-child basis, not per household. If you turned in receipts for 09-10 that were less than the amount you received, you may still be eligible to receive some assistance in increments of \$200 (Example: If you received \$400 and turned in receipts that only totaled \$350, participants will be eligible to receive \$200). Also, if you have another child just starting school, that child will not be affected by the reduced amount. The new child will be eligible for \$200.

Where can interested parties obtain an application? Applications may be picked up at the following locations:

- The School Clothing Program office, located behind the Social Services building at 2971 N. Wood Drive, Okmulgee, OK 74447.
- Any Creek Nation Child Development Center
- Any Creek Nation Indian Community Center
- You may download the application at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov
- Or call (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1(800) 482-1979 for an application to be mailed or faxed to you directly

All applications must be returned or mailed to: School Clothing Program, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not fax or e-mail the application to us. We must have original documentation submitted to process school clothing applications.

For more information, please contact the School Clothing Program at (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1 (800) 482-1979.

The Green Scene

Container Gardening

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

MOUNDS — Container gardening is a great way to add color and fragrance to a small garden area without a lot of hassle. Containers can range from tall ceramic pots to old washtubs, window boxes, all of which require little maintenance.

Depending upon the desired effect, scattered containers can add an element of whimsy or elegance to any garden, patio, deck, stairs, stoop, balcony or entertaining area.

First, planters must decide what will grow well in the selected area. Once that is determined, containers may be purchased to accommodate the selected plants.

Types of container gardens include an herb garden, pizza garden and butterfly garden. Use imagination when choosing flowers, vegetables and herbs for the garden.

Container gardens may be utilized year-round, but are most often used during early spring through mid-fall.

Plants should be well-suited to the location. For instance, flowers that require full-sun should not be planted in a shady area.

Plants that adapt well to container gardening include periwinkle (vinca), petunia, geraniums, miniature roses, coleus, begonia, marigolds, mums, cockscomb and salvia.

Vegetables that adapt well to container gardens include lettuce, peppers, radishes, garlic, onions, compact tomato plants, cabbage, eggplant, beets, spinach and carrots.

Vining plants such as watermelon, cantaloupe, squash and

beans or taller plants such as hollyhocks, allium, and climbing roses could also be grown in custom boxes, however, raised beds or regular tilled gardens work best for these types of plants.

Herbs are also a great choice and are not only edible, but also add fragrance.

Mixing perennials (plants that return every year) with annuals (plants with last only one season) gives a container garden a variety of colors and fragrance year after year.

To begin, layer pebbles in the bottom of the container to assist with drainage, and then place a mixture of peat moss and potting soil on top. Leave two to three inches from the top of the soil to the top of the container, as an inch or two of mulch should be added after planting.

What makes this type of gardening so easy is the maintenance. Gardeners worry less about nematodes for tomatoes and better insect and fungal control; and because there is no need to stoop or bend in order to tend plants, the garden may be rearranged or moved as needed.

However, gardeners must remember to water the garden daily.

Flowers, vegetables and herbs grown in containers can be fertilized per package directions by either a time-released fertilizer or a soluble fertilizer; both work well.

Once the garden oasis is created, sit back with a cool drink and enjoy the wonders of watching the garden come to life.

MCN Social Services Field Schedule

Field Site	Location	Date
Koweta	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	2 nd Tuesday of month
Wetumka	Creek Nation offices (old hospital) 9:30 – 11:00 am	2 nd Wednesday of month
Bristow	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	2 nd Thursday of month
Eufaula	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	3 rd Tuesday of month
Sapulpa	Community Center 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	3 rd Wednesday of month
Checotah	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	3 rd Thursday of month
Okemah	Nutrition Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	4 th Tuesday of month
Holdenville	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:00 am	4 th Wednesday of month

Appeal

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Many of the District Court's findings were presented with considerations of rules set forth by Indian Gaming Regulatory Acts and the National Indian Gaming Commission.

The joint appeal filed by the communities identified 29 different judgements and orders from the District Court and seeks relief from those orders and findings.

Some examples of the orders in which the communities are seeking relief are to, "Reverse and vacate the Order finding the Defendants' various community governmental programs are not tribal programs" and "Reverse and Vacate the Order finding the Plaintiff's (A.D. Ellis, in his official capacity as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation) seizing of gaming funds under the control and in accounts controlled by the Defendant Communities was necessary to safe-guard the funds."

The appeals claim the Defen-

dants (the six gaming communities) were denied a trial before an impartial judge, the Court is without jurisdiction to grant a relief, and the award of attorneys' fees.

In the appeal, three points of the Judgement from the District Court were not disputed. The communities did not appeal the part of the Order that requires certain funds held in escrow be returned to the communities. The Order stating the MCN Controller is authorized to transfer all of the Defendant Communities' smoke shop revenues now held in the Nation's escrow accounts to the respective communities, and the portion of the Order wherein the Defendant Communities appear to have acted in good faith and sought guidance from the Nation, NIGC and from the IRS on acceptable purposes for which gaming revenues could be spent are not among those being disputed.

In recent publications of the MNN, Okemah and Holdenville Indian Communities communicated the impact the ruling had on their

funding. Each had concerns about having to shut down some or all programs previously funded with gaming revenue.

As recently as April 5, 2010, legislation concerning the Okemah Indian Community was signed into law. The law authorizes the Principal Chief to purchase a vehicle for the Okemah Indian Community. In late March, an appropriation of \$50,000 to the Okemah Indian Community for legal fees was proposed but was vetoed by Ellis on April 9, 2010.

The case is widely becoming known as monumental in the history of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Some of the most notable aspects of the case apart from the subject matter, is the time line and the cost of legal fees. At the time of press, there was not yet a specific dollar amount to report due to pending legislation.

A date has yet to be set for the Supreme Court hearing. More information on the ongoing case will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

FEATURES

SECTION B

April 15, 2010 Edition

OIC weaving Mvskoke culture

• Basket and beading classes aim to preserve traditions

Media Release

Okmulgee Indian Community

OKMULGEE — Preserving the culture of the Mvskoke Creeks is the aim of the Okmulgee Indian Community Gift Shop. Basket-making classes will be held at the OIC Gift Shop located at 2850 S. Wood Drive in Okmulgee (south on HWY 75).

Classes will be offered beginning Tuesday, April 13 and will continue through April 20 and 27 from 1-3 p.m. Participation fee will be \$9.

Award-winning instructor Mary Smith who recently won first place at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum Competition, "Under the Oaks," in the Traditional Basketry category with a 'river cane quiver' will be teaching the class.

Assistants for the class are Sandy Wilson who placed third in the commercial basketry category with a 'commercial cane sifter' and second place with a finger-woven sash as well as Bertha Taylor who entered a 'cane



Okmulgee Daily Times/Paul A. Orosco

Pictured above are instructors for the upcoming basket-making classes at the Okmulgee Indian Community Gift Shop located inside the Smoke Shop. Classes will be held throughout the month of April, followed by a beading class in May.

card holder' in the commercial basketry category.

In addition to the basket-making classes, a beading class will be offered by Bill Harjo and Bethel Culberson on

Saturday, April 17 and May 15 from 10-12 noon. The fee for this class will also be \$9.

For more information, please call (918) 752-0040 or (918) 759-8553.

'Doing Business in Indian Country' set for May 20-21

Media Release

MCN Judicial Branch

OKMULGEE — The 8th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Doing Business in Indian Country CLE will take place on May 20-21, 2010. This year's event will be held at the newly re-modeled River Spirit Convention Center located just

north of the River Spirit Casino on Riverside Drive in Tulsa.

The 8th annual CLE will feature speakers including George Skibine, acting National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman and Larry Echohawk, Assistant Secretary for Indian

Affairs (confirmation pending). The event will offer 13 hours of OBA approved CLE credit including one hour of ethics.

For more information, please contact the MCN District Court at (918) 758-1400.

Miss Muscogee Scholarship Pageant kicks off Muscogee (Creek) Festival

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — Mark your calendars for the 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival. The Festival is host to thousands of spectators and participants throughout the month of June and boasts exciting entertainment and numerous activities for the entire family to enjoy. This year's theme, "PUM ESTVLKE (Our People)," refers to the reason we hold a celebration annually.

The Festival begins with the

Miss Muscogee Scholarship Pageant. The Miss and Jr. Miss Pageants will be held Friday, June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Henryetta High School Auditorium in Henryetta, OK. Witness the skills, talents, and beauty of our future leaders.

The Softball Slow Pitch Tournament bats off June 18-20 at the Claude Cox Omniplex just west of the intersection of Highway 75 & Loop 56 in Okmulgee, Okla.

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Muscogee Festival now accepting parade entries for June 26

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Parade will be held Saturday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m., in Okmulgee, Okla.

The Festival Committee is now accepting applications for the MCN Festival Parade

which will follow a route through historic downtown Okmulgee along Main (6th) Street passing directly in front of

the Creek Council House Museum.

Participants may enter a float to advertise a company and MCN departments, communities, ceremonial grounds, churches and organizations are also encouraged to enter.

For more information, visit the Festival Event section on the MCN web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov an application or contact MCN Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992 or (800) 482-1979.



B2 CULTURAL

And Still the Waters Run Checotah, Oklahoma: The Gem of the Prairie



B4 TOURISM

Temptations to headline Saturday, June 26



B5 COMMUNITY

TR 10-016 awards MCN flag for display in Gardez, Afghanistan



B7 PEOPLE

Obituary: Peggy Ann Gouge



B8 AD

2010 CLE



And Still the Waters Run *Checotah, Oklahoma:* *The Gem of the Prairie*

George Windes
CMCA Historian

YORBA LINDA, Calif., — It wasn't bounded by rivers or lakes, it had no wharf to fish from or a mine shaft to explore, and there was no snow capped mountains in the distance, but Checotah, at the crossing of Interstate 40 and Hwy 69, midway between Muscogee and Eufaula, was my grandmother's favorite town anyway.

Dona Baker, born in the Chickasaw Nation in 1890, had arrived in Checotah when she was four. The Katy Railroad had given birth to the town one year earlier, when the Creek Nation granted a charter for the new town. Her father, Sam Baker, an Alabama feudist and Texas outlaw, was hoping to become a rancher. Perhaps he was just tired of running. His part Cherokee wife, Fannie Brooks Baker, was birthing the last of their ten children. She needed a rest as well. They would spend the rest of their lives in Checotah.

Sam leased land a few miles from town, and built a nice ranch. Eventually he became Checotah's city deputy and built another house a block off of Gentry Avenue. The family prospered and the town grew. Tragedy struck in 1899 though, when measles took Fannie and her two youngest offspring. There was still many children which needed tending and before very long Sam began courting a twenty year old Creek girl, Ella Blanche Freeman. Sam was 41. They had a nice wedding & Sam hired a cook to help Blanche with her new wards. Marrying Creek also allowed Sam to file on his rented ranch land as her allotment, when the Dawes Commission finished their work in 1907.

Dona, as a child of an "intruder," got little formal education. By the time Checotah had built a nice school, she had fallen in love. At sixteen she would marry the thirty-two year old brother of her step-

mother, Joseph (Roy) Freeman. Her half-brothers & sisters would be her husband's nephews & nieces. It was very legal, but a bit crazy if you were trying to understand family kinship patterns.

The Freemans began a family. A firstborn lived but fifteen months,

could, but Sam died within hours. Blanche was left with four young children of her own.

The old Indian Territory cemetery was nearly filled, but arrangements were made to bury Sam just one grave from his beloved Fannie. Only his dad, Thomas W. Baker,



Photo courtesy of George Windes

Pictured above is Sam Baker (widower) and his Creek bride, Ella Blanche Freeman, circa 1900.

but five more kids would follow along. In 1911 another tragedy, Sam was shot by the son of a merchant he was fighting with on Gentry Ave., near Broadway. Blanche was quickly sent for and was said to have torn up her petticoats to wrap her husband's wounds. The doctor did what he

lies between. But there are many more memories at the old cemetery. Grandma told me that twenty-one relatives are buried there, primarily along the Baker & Brooks rows. Six of those loved ones did not meet natural deaths. Early Indian Territory was a tough place.

Blanche tried to find happiness again a year after Sam's death. Her new husband killed himself in the bedroom six months later, while she was fixing breakfast. He was buried within a couple of hours. I was surprised to learn that. Suicides were apparently quickly covered up.

The Freemans moved away from Checotah a few years later. Grandpa thought it a good idea to take grandma away from sadness. They headed to California to start a new life. However, Dona kept a suitcase packed. Every chance she got, Checotah was to be visited. Each trip meant a excursion to the old cemetery, flowers in hand, remembering loved ones. On the back of an old family photograph, Don wrote to a sister, "Oh how I long for those good days that I know will never come again but I hope we will meet in the Great Beyond and all be happy again."

Among Granny's stories told; the Gunfight at Spokogee, the Crazy Snake rebellion, the Al Jennings Gang arrests at Baker ranch, another shooting of Sam on Tough Street, the wounding of Blanche at a stomp dance, the Aunt Jenny Brooks legacy of Alabama. Train and bank robberies were not mentioned, as was a late night "release" of a kinsman from the Eufaula jail. She was very tight lipped about some family adventures...

So why does a Californian write of Checotah? Because events lived there are still shared by multi-generations of Creeks living out West. We are all still very much still connected. Mvto!

Windes has been an active member of the California Muscogee Creek Association for nearly a decade and is currently serving on the Board as historian. He may be reached at: georgewindes@gmail.com



Festival

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Festival activities accelerate through June 27 at the Claude Cox Omniplex, and include cultural demonstrations; an All-Indian rodeo; concerts featuring local and national acts; sports tournaments; arts and crafts; food vendors; a parade through historic downtown Okmulgee; a children's fun fair and much more. All events are FREE and EVERYONE is welcome.

As with any major event, parking can be complex; therefore, there will be SHUTTLE PARKING again this year. Park at the MCN Housing Division parking lot or the parking lot east of the Mound at the MCN Complex. Shuttles are scheduled to run every 20 minutes beginning after 5 p.m., Friday, June 25 and after noon on Saturday, June 26.

Join us for this momentous and time-honored gathering and enjoy meeting old friends and new acquaintances. Place a float in the parade and advertise your program or company or choose to be a sponsor at any level.

For a complete listing of times, events and contacts, visit the Festival section of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's official web site

For more information on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, contact the Office of Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992 or (800) 482-1979 or via e-mail at: tourism@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MCN Earth Day

OKMULGEE — On April 22, 2010 the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, in conjunction with the food and fitness planning committee, will be hosting an Earth Day ceremony at the Veterans War Memorial Park located on the west side of the tribal complex entrance beginning at 10:30 a.m.

There will be a special tree planting of the Yaupon Holly (Ilex Vomitoria). The leaves from this tree were used by our Mvskoke people in the Southeast in a drink served in order of precedence to the men in council and also to important visitors.

Earth Day for the Muscogee people will be to honor the health and fitness of the citizens and to acknowledge those who were less fortunate in the battle against metabolic disorders.

For more information, please contact MFSI at (918) 756-5915.

Mounds Earth Day

MOUNDS — The annual Trash Off and Recycle Event will be held April 17, 2010 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Mounds Veterans Park.

Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative will be bringing the mobile resource unit and OSU Extension Master Gardeners will answer questions. Area residents may also dispose of large trash items and recycle items but will not be reimbursed.

Pony rides, solar cookers, food and craft booths will be on hand. For more information, contact Melodie Reader (918) 991-9039.

Higher Education Applications due June 1

OKMULGEE — Applications for the 2010/2011 MCN Higher Education academic year are now available on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation web site under bulletins for new applicants at <http://www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov>. Applications will be accepted through June 1, 2010.

For more information, contact Higher Education at (918) 732-7689.

Walk a Mile In Her Shoes

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Family Violence Prevention Program is gearing up for the "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" national awareness. This event will take place Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 10 a.m., at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Capitol Complex.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., east of the mound building on the complex. Entry fees for the participants will be certain health items as well as necessities for children and women to be given to the Okmulgee County Family Resource Center. A route has been designated within the complex for the safety of the participants.

Each participant, male and female, will be wearing women's shoes or high heels throughout the designated route. Inspired by the old saying "you can't understand a person's experience until you have walked a mile in their shoes," participants across the country, are boldly walking in women's shoes.

For more information, contact Tania Bardin or Denise McCrary at (918) 732-7869.

Little River Mission gospel singing set for May 1

SEMINOLE — The Little River Mission Church will host a gospel singing fund raiser on Saturday, May 1, 2010 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Emcee will be Larry Harrison and all are welcome to attend. There will also be a food sale on-site.

For more information, please call (405) 382-5641 or (918) 857-6484.

Springfield gospel singing set for Sunday, May 30

OKEMAH — On Sunday, May 30, Springfield United Methodist Church will host the annual memorial gospel singing. Concessions will be available and participants are asked to bring their own lawn chairs for the

event. Singing will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, please contact Ethel Humble at (918) 623-1710.

Immersion School Curriculum Review Committee

MORRIS — The Este Mvskokvlke Oponakv Takuecvlke Curriculum Review Committee will meet the second Saturday of every month beginning Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Morris, Okla.

This will be a social meeting to discuss, review and adopt Mvskoke curriculum words such as science, computer, fractions, efficiency, etc. The committee is open to all fluent Mvskoke speakers and elders to come join the fun, socialize and do something great for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the first immersion school. Your ideas, experiences, and knowledge are important to the cause! Following the meeting will also be a potluck dinner.

For more information, contact National Council Rep. Terrie Anderson at (918) 237-1417 or by e-mail at: tanderson@mcnnc.com

Mvskoke Language CDs now available

OKMULGEE — CDs are available for purchase containing Mvskoke words and phrases. The cost is \$15 for a set of nine CDs containing audio of over 600 Mvskoke words and phrases and \$5 for one CD containing all of the written Mvskoke words and phrases. Place orders with Mvskoke Language Program at (918) 732-7724 and please allow two weeks for delivery.

Muscogee Festival now accepting parade entries

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Parade will be held Saturday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m., in Okmulgee, Okla.

The Festival Committee is now

accepting applications for the MCN Festival Parade which will follow a route through historic downtown Okmulgee along Main (6th) Street passing directly in front of the Creek Council House Museum.

Participants may enter a float to advertise a company and MCN departments, communities, ceremonial grounds, churches and organizations are also encouraged to enter.

For more information, visit the Festival Event section on the MCN web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov an application or contact MCN Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992 or (800) 482-1979.

Montesoma Revival

HAYDONVILLE — Montesoma Baptist Church will have a revival the weekend of April 16 - 18, 2010 with refreshments nightly.

April 16 service begins at 7:30 a.m., with speaker Don Tiger, April 17 service begins at 7:30 a.m., with speaker Ledkey McIntosh and April 18 service begins at 11 a.m., with speaker Pastor Jay Downing.

For more information, please call (918) 623-2328.

Jackpot Blowout Rodeo

OKMULGEE — The Jackpot Blowout Rodeo will be held at Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena, April 24, 2010 at 5 p.m.

For more information call (918) 816-1730.

Springfield UMC Volleyball Tournament

OKEMAH — Springfield United Methodist Church will host a co-ed volleyball tournament May 1, 2010 at the church grounds. There is a \$50 entry fee and the deadline is set for April 28.

For more information, contact Cassandra at (405) 788-1590.

NAWS Gourd Dance

GLENPOOL — The Native American Warrior's Society will host a benefit Gourd Dance May 1, 2010 at the Glenpool Indian Community Center from 2-9 p.m.

The event will benefit active duty service men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan with care packages.

For more information call (918) 291-5300.

Morning Star Evangelistic Center gospel singing

MOUNDS — The Morning Star Evangelistic Center will host "An Evening of Singing to the Lord" Saturday, May 8, 2010 beginning at 6 p.m.

The event will be located at 14248 Hectorville Rd., off Hwy. 75 (east one 122st St.). A food sale will also be held before and during the singing and all proceeds will benefit the church building fund.

For more information, please contact Salena Watashe at (918) 630-2788.



2010 MCN Festival schedule

Friday, June 4

7 p.m.
• Miss/ Jr. Miss Muscogee Nation Pageant—Henryetta High School Auditorium—1800 W. Troy Aikman Drive, in Henryetta

Friday, June 18

6:30 p.m.
• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
• Arts and Crafts
• Food Vendors

Saturday, June 19

8 a.m.
• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
• Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gym—1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive

11 a.m.
• Arts and Crafts
• Food Vendors
• Muscogee Royalty Reception
7 p.m.
• Live Entertainment

Sunday, June 20

8 a.m.
• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

Thursday, June 24

12 p.m. Noon
• Open Bow Shooting Range—West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex
7:30 p.m.
• Stomp Dance—South of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex

Friday, June 25

8 a.m.
• Junior Olympics — Harmon Stadium—601 E. 12th Street
• Senior Citizens Activities — Elderly Nutrition Center
• Farmers' Market

8:30 a.m.
• Golf Tournament (Scramble)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course
10 a.m.
• Children's Fun Fair
12 p.m.
• Open Bow Shooting Range—Grounds West of Mound Building
5 p.m.
• Arts & Crafts



• Food Vendors
5:30 - 7 p.m.
• Living Legends
6:30 p.m.
• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
6:30 - 9 p.m.
• Rodeo—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
9 p.m.
• Live Entertainment - Randy Houser

Saturday, June 26

8 a.m.
• Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gymnasium - 1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive
• 5k Walk/Run
• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
• Horseshoe Tournament
• Children's Fun Fair
• Farmers Market

8:30 a.m.
• Golf Tournament (Individual Qualification)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course HWY 150, Checotah
9 a.m.
• Volleyball Tournament

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
• Child Safety Seat Check—Parking Lot West of Mound Building



9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
• Council House Indian Art Festival—106 West 6th, Downtown Okmulgee
10 a.m.
• Festival Parade—Main Street (6th Street), Downtown Okmulgee
• Rodeo Slack—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
11 a.m.
• Arts & Crafts
• Food Vendors
12 p.m.
• Open Bow Shooting Range—West of Mound Building, Tribal Complex
2-6 p.m.
• Creek Hymn Singing and Gospel Singing—South of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex
6:30 - 9 p.m.
• Rodeo Finals — Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
9 p.m.
• Live Entertainment - The Temptations

Sunday, June 27

8 a.m.
• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
• Farmers Market
• Children's Fun Fair
8:30 a.m.
• Golf Tournament (Championship)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course, HWY 150 Checotah

11 a.m.
• Arts & Crafts
• Food Vendors
All events unless otherwise noted will take place at the Claude Cox Omniplex in Okmulgee, Okla. Shuttle parking will be available at Housing and east of the Mound Building. All events are subject to change.

For more information, contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732-7992.

Temptations to headline Saturday, June 26



T&R/Media Release

The Temptations will headline the 2010 Muscogee (Creek) Festival entertainment Saturday, June 26 beginning at 9 p.m.

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — Save the date for a performance by one of the most successful acts to record for Motown. The Temptations will perform at the 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 9 p.m. Over the course of their career, the first Mo-Town act to garner a Grammy released four Billboard Hot 100 number-one singles and 14 Billboard R&B number-one singles.

As always, the Festival promises two evenings of live entertainment from the Claude Cox Omniplex. Friday evening, June 25, country star, Randy Houser launches the live entertainment for the 2010 Festival at 9 p.m. Randy is noted for his songs "Anything Goes" and "Boots On" as well as his song-writing talents.

The MCN Festival entertainment continues to heat up into Saturday evening. At 7 p.m., Jamie Coon, Seminole-Muscogee, promises a stimulating soul-pop performance to ready the stage and the crowd for

the Temptations. Jamie is an Oklahoma native from the town of Okemah who now resides in California pursuing a successful musical career. Her music has earned her group many awards, attracted national attention and was heard on an episode of CBS's "Ghost Whisperer."

Join the thousands of Festival attendees for two evenings of electrifying entertainment following the All-Indian Rodeo, which is reappearing after a two year absence thanks to the efforts of the Arrington-McSpadden Region 8 All-Indian Rodeo Association.

For a complete listing of times, events and contacts, visit the Festival section of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's official web site www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, June 24-27, is a collaborative effort of the departments and entities of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation with operations overseen by the office of Tourism & Recreation.

OCWC hosts 'Lunch on the Lawn'

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Businesses and individuals gathered for the Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition's (OCWC) "Lunch on the Lawn" event between 12-1 p.m., Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Creek Council House Museum. The event featured healthy eating tips, weight and body mass index (BMI) calculations, diabetes information, fitness programs and a healthy snack.

A sub-committee of the OCWC, the Obesity Prevention Committee (OPC), hosted the event and wants to make citizens aware that there are alternatives to high-calorie, high-fat diets that are the "norm" for many fast-food chain lunch menus.

Participants in "Lunch on the Lawn" include the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Diabetes Program and Youth Wellness Program, Dr. Ed. Osborne, Okmulgee County Health Department, George Nigh Rehabilitation Center, Students Working Against Tobacco (S.W.A.T.), Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust, Wal-Mart and OSU Extensions Health Sciences (Nutrition Specialists).

Groups displayed pamphlets covering subjects from obesity to quitting smoking. OSU Extension NEAs provided a healthy snack of tortilla chips and black bean and corn salsa and distributed the tasty recipe for those interested.

"My program is a grant funded program through Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service. It is called Fresh Start Nutrition and You. is a free service in which Nutrition Education Assistants (NEAs) give nutrition lessons to a variety of people in the com-

munity," said Carolyn Clifton OSU Coordinator Nutrition Education Program (CNEP). "In fact, anyone qualifying for a food assistance program is eligible to enroll. NEAs will visit with the participant at least three times each month to give new ideas for improving diet and making

Incentives will be given throughout the challenge. Team members also have the option of participating in the Aquarium Run, May 15, 2010 for extra team points. Additional information on the run may be found at <http://www.oksportsandfitness.com/event-calendar>

"The goal of the challenge is to become more active" said Teague. "The challenge will last for nine weeks, from March 15 to May 15. The challenge will be done in teams. At the end of the challenge, the team with the highest average of weekly minutes will receive a traveling plaque and bragging rights."

Current holder of the challenge traveling plaque is Team Demons from Beggs Schools because they logged the most fitness hours over the course of the challenge. Team Demons members include Cindy Swearingen, Kristi Smith, Candy Lynch, Teresa Jamison, Stacey Been, Marcie Norman, Justin Norman and Jan Bookout.

"We were excited and honored to win this trophy," said Swearingin. "We're really proud of that. We intend to win next time as well, so everyone better watch out!"

OCWC Chairperson Tressia Ables invites everyone to attend their monthly meetings to learn about upcoming events and programs.

"The Okmulgee County Wellness Coalition meets the second Wednesday of each month at OSUIT student union at 7:30 a.m.," said Ables. "Everyone is invited to attend."

For more information please contact OSU, Prevention Programs at (918) 756-1248.



MNN/Melodie Reader

Okmulgee High School Superintendent-elect Tod Williams has his weight and body mass index (BMI) measured at the Okmulgee Wellness Coalition's "Lunch on the Lawn" event.

the most of their food dollars. There are eight core lessons, but as many as 22 lessons total that may be taken."

Attendees were encouraged to form teams and sign-up for the "Spring into Fitness" Challenge which runs from March 15-May15, 2010 and is part of the OSU Obesity Prevention Committee. E-mail "Spring Into Fitness" Challenge Coordinator Chrissy Teague at healthiercommunity@gmail.com for more information.

TR 10-016 awards MCN flag for display in Gardez, Afghanistan



MCN/National Council

Pictured left to right are Muskogee District Rep. Eddie LaGrone, Creek District Rep. David Hill and Speaker Roger Barnett with Bobby Howard Jr., Command Sergeant Major of the 1-45th ADT, from Depew, Okla., as part of TR 10-016 which authorized the display of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's flag at the Forward Operating Base in Gardez, Afghanistan

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OBITUARIES

DENNIS REUBEN CULLEY

WETUMKA — Dennis Reuben Culley was born Nov. 28, 1962 in Wetumka, Okla., to Paul Culley and Lorene Cook Culley, and passed from this life March 13, 2010 in Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 48.

Dennis' father was in the military and the family lived in several communities across the country when he was young. In about the fifth grade, they settled in Wetumka where he began school. He was a graduate of Wetumka High School.

He made the Wetumka area his lifelong home. He was employed by the Thlopthocco Tribal Town as Housing Program Assistant. He enjoyed wood working, playing pool, and was an avid football fan, especially for OU and the Falcons.

He was preceded in death by his father, a sister Paula, a brother Farran, and a great nephew Reese.

He is survived by his mother Lorene of Wetumka; a brother Aaron Culley of Wetumka; two sisters, Deborah Harjochee, and husband Barney, of Okemah and Mary Culley of Shawnee; a step-daughter Hanna Whitecloud and her mother Robin of Okmulgee; along with several nieces, nephews, which includes a special nephew Reuben, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 17, at 2 p.m., at Salt Creek Baptist Church near Wetumka with Curtis Scott and Timothy Coon officiating. Pallbearers were Ron Smith, Cody Phillips, Kenny Maxwell, Bill Tip-pin, Donald Bowman, and Timmy Harjochee. Interment was held at Salt Creek Cemetery under the direction of Williamson-Spradlin Funeral Home of Wetumka.

PEGGY ANN GOUGE



EUFULA — Peggy Ann Gouge was born April 17, 1960 in Claremore, Okla., to Albert and Sallie Spaniard Gouge.

She passed from this life on March 31, 2010 at 9:35 a.m., at her home in Glenpool, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Earnest Ray, Wilford, Wilbur "Chebon" Gouge and one nephew, Stephen Albert Gouge.

She was a member of Greenleaf Baptist Church in Okemah, and was baptized by Rev. Roley Haynes.

Peggy was known as "DeAnn" to many people, family, and friends. She was well liked and loved by many.

DeAnn loved to joke and laugh and she never met a stranger. DeAnn is survived by her companion of 17 years, Tim Brown of the home and five sisters Liz Townsend of Okmulgee, Evelyn Wood of Oklahoma City, Helen Gouge of Wetumka, Nancy Deere of Okmulgee, Kristine Gouge of Humble, Texas and one brother William Gouge of Okmulgee, along with a host of nieces and nephews who loved her very much.

PALMER FISHER NOON

WETUMKA — Palmer Fisher Noon went to be with the Lord on March 11, 2010 at the age of 58.

Palmer was born May 6, 1951 to Nathan and Lee Anna Barnett-Noon.

Palmer was raised in Los Angeles

California area until about eighteen years old. Palmer joined the Army at 19 years old and was discharged in 1973.

Palmer was preceded in death by his parents Nathan and Lee Ann Barnett-Noon, three brothers Johnny, Gregory and David Noon, as well as two sisters Lorraine and Marcella Noon.

Survivors include Brothers Michael Noon of Wetumka and Nathan Noon Jr. of California, sisters Jean Anderson, Malinda Noon, Phyllis Givens of Wetumka, Joyce Noon of Tulsa, Martha Noon, Tomah and Jennie Farrell of Jenks. Aunts include Lela Barnes and Leola Barnett of Wetumka, many nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Palmer will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

Pallbearers were Kelly Tomah, Kelly Tomah, Jr., Ricky Noon, Robert Anderson Jr., Stephan Anderson, Jose Salomon Jr., Nathan Anderson, Michael Farrell with Honorary Pallbearers Michael T. Noon, Oayton Buckley, Nathan Noon Jr., James Martinez and Leroy Martinez.

Services were held Monday, March 15, 2010 at 2 p.m., at Sand Creek Baptist Church in Wetumka with Revs J.B. Fish and Houston Tiger officiating. Interment was held at the Noon Family Cemetery under the direction of Williamson-Spradlin Funeral Home.

NOAH TIMOTHY, SR.



EUFULA — Noah Timothy, Sr., was born Sept. 27, 1950 to Lewis and Mary Lewis Timothy of Eufaula. He accepted the call of the Lord to be his personal savior on July 8, 1962 and was baptized by Rev. Willie Kelley and placed his membership at Okfuskee Baptist Church.

Noah received his education from Eufaula Elementary School, attending from grades 1-6. He then attended for a short while at Jones Academy, leaving to enter Sequoyah Indian School where he graduated in 1971. While attending Sequoyah, he was a leader in their track team. He wrote an article on a track competition that depicted the state title of Sequoyah's track team. He received numerous awards and made All-State for two years in a row. Running was his life; he didn't run to compete, he took up the sport because running was in his blood. Noah's career took him to local and out-of-state areas to compete.

Another area of interest that he shared with all he met was his writing ability. He'd write poems and short stories about all areas of nature, people and all that he encountered in rural areas.

Outside of his Sequoyah days, he was an avid Sooner fan. Noah was a happy outgoing person who never met a stranger. He always brought joy and laughter to all people he met. He was always happy and never did complain. When his sister Stella would ask if he needed anything he'd reply, "No, I'm alright. I'm OK but I want you to take care of yourself."

Stella's last visit with her brother Noah was at J.M.'s Restaurant where they shared laughs and teasing of one another. Stella got to visit with Noah as she took him riding around the lake and buying him a soda pop. He spoke of himself praying and asking the Lord for forgiveness and that he still prayed no matter where he was. He stated,

"I know that I'm forgiven for a lot of things and I can still pray."

"You know, I don't know; you don't know what burdened my brother, but when he mentioned 'praying' to me that was the root to all his worries," said Stella. Noah had a good heart and was a good person, full of laughter and appreciation.

Noah is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Johnny Dean and Lewis "Sonny"; and four sisters Elsie Mary Nell, Liza and Ramona.

The family of Noah wishes to thank all who knew or had some type of contact with him. That means so much to us. I know Noah would say "MVTO" with that beautiful smile.

A wake service was held Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at Okfuskee Indian Baptist Church followed by funeral services Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Okfuskee Indian Baptist Church Rev. Raymond Beaver and Creek Leader Mitchell Byar Beaver Officiating.

Pallbearers were John Timothy, J.J. Lewis, Christopher Feeling, Jackie Feeling, Floyd Osborne, A.J. Lewis, Mark Kelley and Daniel Deere. Honorary pallbearers were Wesley Dawson, Steve Swadley, Thomas Buie, the Eufaula Police Department, Margaret Floyd and family and John Scott, Jr.

Burial followed at the Okfuskee Cemetery under the direction of Hunn, Black & Merritt Funeral Home & Crematory.

Survivors include sons, Noah Timothy, Jr., of Muskogee, John Timothy and wife Vanessa of Tahlequah and Gerald Timothy of San Carlos, Ariz.; his daughters, Vonnelle Grogan and husband Greg of Shady Grove, Okla., and Nancy Timothy of Phoenix, Ariz., brother. Moses Timothy of Tulsa; sisters Ella Mae Stanley and husband Frank of San Carlos, Ariz., and Stella Feeling and husband Jack of Eufaula; and 11 grandchildren.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BRANDON BARNES



OKMULGEE — Barnes was nominated to participate in the Junior National Young Leaders Conference. He and over 250 other outstanding middle school students from across the United States were able to take part in a leadership conference in Washington D.C.

Barnes is the son of Wallace Barnes Jr. and Angelette Sandlin and the grandson of Wallace Barnes Sr., and Doris Roanhorse; great grandson of the late Joe and Besty Factor and Archie and Betty Hotulke.

Barnes and his family would like to thank the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council, Mr. & Mrs. Keeper Johnson, Okmulgee Elks Ladies Auxiliary and the many friends and relatives who helped make this mission possible.

BIRTHS

NOKUSE ARAGON



Oologah — Nokuse Alexander Aragon was born March 1, 2010 at the Claremore Indian Hospital to Denise Wesley and Angel Aragon.

Aragon was welcomed into the world by parents and sibling, Marlena, grandparents Esther Pickup and David Wesley and great grandparents Hattie Alexander, Toby Alexander and Emma Wesley.

BIRTHDAYS

ALEXANDER SIBLINGS



PAWNEE — The Alexander siblings celebrated their birthdays together, for the first time in several years.

The siblings include Robert, EJ, Jimmy and Mary Sue (Alexander) Peak.

They are the remaining children of the late Pastor William & Mary Alexander. The family gathered in Pawnee, along with their spouses, several of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A wonderful meal, cake and ice cream was served, along with a wild gift exchange! The highlight of the afternoon was prayer and a Mvskoke hymn sung together by the family.

ANNA MAE COPELAND

KANSAS CITY, Kansas — Annie Mae Copeland, resident of Kansas City, originally from Sapulpa, recently celebrated a birthday.



Copeland is the sister of Willie Barnett and daughter of Tom and Nellie Barnett.

Her Maternal grandparents are Leroy and Gertrude Brazier.

CORRIE JEFFERSON



SEMINOLE — Corrie Michele Jefferson of Seminole, Okla., recently celebrated a birthday on March 31, 2010.

Jefferson is the daughter of Michael and Barbara Jefferson. She is the granddaughter of the late Rev. Arthur Coon, and Eliza (Carpitcher) Coon.

She is the granddaughter of the late Joseph Scott and the late Lona (Lowe) Scott.

DESIRE LARNEY

OKMULGEE — Desire Danielle Larney celebrated her first birthday with family and friends on March 11, 2010.



Larney is the daughter of Marschell Tiger and Keith Larney. She has one sibling, Dametris Larney.

She is the granddaughter of Mar-ian and Russel Larney and Frances and Eugene Tiger. Her great grandparents are Amos Tiger, Julia (Wise) Tiger, Ella Harod and Daniel Tiger, Fred Bruner, Dorothy Gutierrez, Ryder Larney and Serena Larney.

JILLIAN RATKA

TEMPLE, Texas — Jillian Rose Bustamante Ratka celebrated her second birthday March,. She is the Daughter of Jason and Jennifer Ratka.

Her grand parents are Rose and Gustavo Bustamante and Virigina and Edward Ratka.

Her great grand parents are Fannie and Sam Buckley, Mary and Edward Ratka Josefina and Jose Bustamante and Helen and George Zink.

Jillian is a daughter of the Deer Clan and a member of the Okfuskee Tribal Town. In the photo below, she is meeting the Easter Bunny.



MARLENA WESLEY



OOLAGAH — Marlena Wesley of Oologah celebrated a birthday on April 17, with gospel singing at the Living Hope Church.

Marlena is the daughter of Denise Wesley and step daughter of Angel Aragon. She has one sibling, Nokuse Aragon.

She is the granddaughter of Esther Pickup and David Wesley and great granddaughter of Hattie and Toby Alexander and Emma Wesley.

Calling all 2010 MCN graduates

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — All 2010 Muscogee (Creek) graduates will be featured in the June 1 edition of the *Muscogee Nation News*.

Please submit student's name, school, college or vocational institution, parents/grandparents, clan, church, activities and or tribal town along with current photo (will not be returned) to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications Department via e-mail at angele@muscogeenation-nsn.gov or send to:

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• Mvskoke hoktvke veterans honored at statue dedication

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Mvskoke Hoktvke Veterans were honored March 26, 2010 in Okmulgee, Okla., for their years of service and support during both peace and wartime with the dedication of a Muscogee womens veteran statue.

"The dedication date was set in honor of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend on March 27, 1814," said MCN Director of Veteran Affairs Services Office Ken Davis. "That's why we are here today on Friday, March 26, a day before that battle, to honor our women in uniform."

Attendees gathered in the parking lot in front of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veterans building where the statue was officially dedicated as part of a ceremony centered on honoring Mvskoke Hoktvke in the military.

MCN Communications Manager Gerald Wofford welcomed attendees

and Second Chief Alfred Berryhill said a prayer and sang a Mvskoke hymn.

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis thanked the Muscogee (Creek) Nation service

women who put their lives on the line for their country.

"We're here to honor and thank our Muscogee women veterans for their dedicated service to protect our freedom," said Chief Ellis.

Several Muscogee women veterans were on-hand for the event and each spoke to those assembled concerning their individual experiences.

Women veterans who attended the ceremony include former servicewomen: Marine Corps Corporal Megan Lowry, Air force In-flight Refueling Specialist Carol Hicks Muniz, Air force Airman Second Class June Mustari and Navy Reserves Seaman First Class Paula Willits.

"I'm glad to have been a part of the Air Force during the period where women were fighting for equal rights," said Mustari.

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MNN/Ruth Bible

Pictured from left: Marine Corps Corporal Megan Lowry, Air Force In-flight Refueling Specialist Carol Hicks-Muniz, Air Force Airman Second Class June Mustari, Navy Reserves Seaman First Class Paula Willits.

Cherry appointed to T&C as director

Angel Ellis
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE — Trade and Commerce Authority is under new management since the removal of the former board and CEO by Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, which took place after the release of an audit report on T&C in March. Currently heading up the enterprise as Acting Director is Della Cherry as of April 26, 2010.

Shortly after the issuance of Executive Order 10-06, which absolved the Board and its authority on April 12, NCR 10-003 was intro-

duced by Rep. Bill Fife and cosponsored by Roger Barnett, George Tiger and Shirlene Ade.

The bill resolves to censure the Principal Chief and calls for a withdrawal of Executive Order 10-06 in order to restore separations of powers. The Executive Order lists gross mismanagement and speculative investments as findings.

NCR 10-003 states, "The Principal Chief invalidly issued Executive Order 10-06 attempting to remove the Board Members and T&C Authority Board."

'Doing Business in Indian Country' set for May 20-21

Media Release
MCN Judicial Branch

OKMULGEE — The 8th annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation 'Doing Business in Indian Country' CLE will take place May 20-21, 2010. This year's event will be held at the newly re-modeled River Spirit Convention Center located just north of the River Spirit Casino on Riverside Drive in Tulsa.

The 8th annual CLE will fea-

ture speakers including Larry Echohawk, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Topics to be discussed will range from sovereignty to entertainment in Indian casinos. The event will offer 13 hours of OBA approved CLE credit including one hour of ethics.

For more information, please contact the MCN District Court at (918) 758-1400.

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From the Office of Principal Chief A.D. Ellis

A.D. Ellis
Principal Chief

OKMULGEE — Today is April 28, 2010 and I'm away from my office but will respond to activities going on in our Nation should the need arise.

NCR – CENSORING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Last Saturday, at the quarterly National Council meeting the National Council passed a National Council Resolution concerning the Principal Chief. This action was taken against me because I took control of the Trade & Commerce Authority. This I did because of reported frivolous expenditures of tribal money and dozens of other possible illegal activities.

This was all disclosed in the forensic audit that was ordered by my office.

The C.E.O., and all board members were terminated for knowing and allowing these activities to happen. So I was publicly censured for what? For doing what was best for the Nation! I can say that neither the National Council nor

I know the extent of the investigation. During the quarterly session, when this NCR was presented only eight people voted to support the Chief.

They were as follows: David Nichols, James Jennings, Keeper Johnson, Terry Anderson, Pete Beaver, Steve Bruner, Paula Willits, and Thomas Yahola. The only Okmulgee Representative that was in support of the NCR was Pearl Thomas.



I guess my 19 years of experience and knowledge in elected office is no match to her four months as a National Council Representative. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court has previously ruled that a National Council Resolution only deals in internal National Council actions and YES, I STILL CALL IT JUNK!

Saturday's action is a reminder of about three years ago when George Tiger and his supporters gathered at the historic Council Oak, in Tulsa to condemn the tribal Supreme Court because they didn't rule in their favor.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Many Special Appropriations were also passed to give financial support to non-tribal entities and individual citizens for various reasons. Therefore, I urge all Creek citizens that need financial assistance with medical bills, rental assistance, vehicle repairs, travel expenses, and other such needs to call your National Council Representatives and demand assistance. This money belongs to all Creek citizens not just a select few. Insist that you have a Constitutional right to share in the special assistance that is given out through Special Appropriations.

There are rumors circulating that the Nation is broke. How ridiculous is that? The Nation is doing well for itself, our casino profits are steady and we have over 160 million dollars in the bank, in the Nation's Permanent Fund account. (The Permanent Fund was established so that if the tribe was ever in a financial bind and had no other resources to operate, these monies could be utilized.)

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

We are moving ahead on projects such as our new 5 million dollar Tribal College Headquarters Building, the completion date for this project is set for

November 2010. Also, the All-Purpose Building, at the Omniplex, the completion date is set for this summer and the new Elderly Housing project (north of the present one) is under construction along with many other projects.

COUNCIL HOUSE

The Okmulgee City Council has agreed to sell or convey the Historic Council House back to the Nation.

FOUNTAINHEAD PROPERTY LAND TRANSFER

Last week Mr. Flud and I testified before the Office of Indian Affairs, Congressional Committee on Natural Resources in Washington, D.C. Legislation was introduced by Congressman Dan Boren regarding "Fountainhead Property Land Transfer". All members of Congress plus Mr. George Skibine supported the Creek Nation efforts in developing the Fountainhead Resort.

Be assured in the near future you will hear the rest of the story about the Trade & Commerce Authority. It probably won't be good.

Mvto,
Chief Ellis

District Court filings for January 2010

The District Court filings from January 1, 2010 thru January 31, 2010 are as follows (continued from April MNN):

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MCN v. Dennis Hall

MCN v. Robert Givens

MCN v. Marcus Edwards

MCN v. Daniel Moore

MCN v. Todd Wells

MCN v. Todd Wells

MCN v. Angelo Gonzalez

MCN v. Jeffrey Gudgel

Ct. 1: Starting, Turning, Stopping without Regard to Safety

Ct. 1: No Insurance

Ct. 1: Speeding

Ct. 1: DUS

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MCN v. Roger Hoover

MCN v. Ronald Marchant

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MCN v. James Ladd

MCN v. Gerald Bland

MCN v. Paula Peterson

MCN v. Mickey Hitchcock

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MCN v. Kyleen Sturgeon

MCN v. Lori Washburn

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MCN v. Timothy Lasley

MCN v. Brian Johnson

MCN v. Maurice Stevens

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Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct

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BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

APPLICANT: TULSA ENERGY, INC.)
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RELIEF SOUGHT: DRILLING AND)
SPACING UNITS)
) CAUSE C.D. 201001472-T
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:)
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SW/4 OF SECTION 22,)
TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH,)
RANGE 7 EAST, CREEK)
COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.)

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause is requesting that the Commission enter an Order establishing drilling and spacing units in the manner hereinafter set forth.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant in this cause is requesting the following special relief. Applicant requests that the Commission establish 40 acre drilling and spacing units for the Bruner, Layton, Cleveland, Big Lime-Oswego Prue, Skinner, Red Fork, Bartlesville, Misener and Simpson Group common sources of supply for the SW/4 of Section 22, Township 17 North, Range 7 East, Creek County, Oklahoma. The formation of the drilling and spacing units and permitted well locations will be determined at the time of hearing.

IT IS ORDERED that this Cause be referred to an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence, and reporting the findings and recommendations to the Commission.

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Corporation Commission, 440 S Houston, Tulsa, Oklahoma, at 8:30 a.m. on the 25th day of May, 2010, and that this notice and order be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Applicant and interested parties may present testimony by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION
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APPLICANT: TULSA ENERGY, INC.)
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RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING) CAUSE C.D. NO. 201001474-T
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RANGE 7 EAST, CREEK)
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Cecilia Davis, Earnestine Davis, Estelen Chotkey Davis, George Davis, Jr., Marcey Davis, Jr., David N. Harjo, Louise Harjo, Mike Harjo, Noah Harjo, Jr., Willie Harjo, Amos J. Lowe, Dewayne Lowe, Floyd W. Lowe, Frederick Lowe, George W. Lowe, Jr., Patricia Lowe, Romona S. Lowe, Nadine M. Harjo Monroy, Shirley A. Harjo now Pigeon, Susie Floyd Reeder, Katherine Taitague, Cindy Harjo Williams, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Realty/Trust Services Office, and if the above named individual is deceased, then the unknown heirs, executor, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such deceased individual; if any of the above named parties designated as executor is not acting in such capacity as executor, then the unknown successor or successors to such party as executor; and all other persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and particularly in Creek County, Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant, Tulsa Energy, Inc., has filed an Application in this cause requesting the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma to enter an Order pooling the interests of the oil and gas owners, and adjudicating the rights and equities in connection with the 40 acre drilling and spacing unit that has been requested to be established by the Applicant for the Bruner, Layton, Cleveland, Big Lime-Oswego, Prue, Skinner, Red Fork, Bartlesville, Misener and Simpson Group common sources of supply underlying the unit comprised of the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 22, Township 17 North, Range 7 East, Creek County, Oklahoma. The interest of the oil and gas owners involved herein and the rights and equities in respect thereto are to be pooled and adjudicated pursuant to 52 O.S. §87.1 on the basis of the drilling and spacing units covered hereby. The Application in this cause states that Applicant has proposed the development of the separate common sources of supply in the drilling and spacing unit involved herein under a plan of development and has proposed to

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Letter from MNN Editor:

Estonko readers!

May is knocking at the door which means another batch of students from the 2010 College of the Muscogee Nation and also across the country. I want to congratulate each and every one for their accomplishments and the determination it takes to get that diploma.

As I have said before, there's nothing like an education to fall back on and I still have a few friends that will finally be walking across the stage this month after a long stint at school. I could also argue many reasons for getting that education (even if I will be paying for it until I retire) but perhaps the best I can come up with is independence.

It's nice to wake up in the morning in a place I can call my own and even (I admit) picking up those bills with my name on them. My education gives me the feeling that I can do what I want in my life and as a young Indian woman, I like that opportunities multiply with each year of education I complete. My hat is off to other Mvskoke citizens that have made the personal, financial and mental sacrifice to complete their educational goals, no matter the level.

We are also excited Lee Longhorn will be returning later this month to reenergize the newsroom and hopefully teach these old dogs some new tricks in the process.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at R Landsberry@ muscogeenation-nsn.gov



Veterans' Scoop

Staff

Veterans Affairs Services Office

The Veterans' Scoop will feature articles and updates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and other credible sources.

VASO Events

JUNE 25, 2010

To celebrate our annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival in June and in appreciation of all Muscogee civilians, the MCN VASO will be hosting a civilian "Movie Night" on Friday 25 June 2010.

This event is free of charge to all Muscogee civilians and starts at 2100 hours at the Veterans' Building located on the tribal complex.

The featured movie will be the 1953 classic 'War of the Worlds' with Gene Barry and Ann Robinson.

Refreshments of Coke, Diet Coke and popcorn will be provided free to all civilians attending the movie. The smoking lamp will also

be lit and seating will be provided. Adults only, please.

JUNE 26, 2010

On Saturday 26 June 2010 from 1300-1600 hours, the MCN VASO will be hosting the first annual "Dunk a Vet!" dunk booth at the Veterans' Building at the MCN tribal complex. This event will be \$5 for three throws and participants will have a chance to dunk MCN veterans from all branches of service including: Navy, Air Force, Army and Marines as well as various members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and the Principal Chief and Second Chief.

Snow cones and Cokes will be for sale and popcorn will be free and plenty of seating will be available for this event. All ages are welcome and everyone is encouraged to join us for this event.

For more information, contact Fannie Barnett at (918) 732-7744, Ken Davis (918) 732-7739 or Shawn Taryole at (918) 732-7745.



Senior Services to offer lawn assistance beginning May 4, 2010

Jackson Barnett

MCN Senior Services

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Senior Services Program will again offer the lawn-cutting / tree-trimming service to Mvskoke senior citizens during the summer months.

The service is set up to help senior citizens, 55 years and older, who may be unable to do this type of work for themselves or who cannot pay for such work.

If there are able-bodied men available in the household, lawn services will not be rendered. Trees

will be trimmed and grass will be cut, however, the service is not complete lawn care and will not offer weed-eating and additional manicuring of citizens' homes.

Please be patient. There are many requests and the staff will try to serve as many as possible.

To submit contact information including name, address and phone number, please contact Senior Services Manager Jackson Barnett at (918) 732 - 7723.

DUNK A VET!

**1300 - 1600
SATURDAY, 26 JUNE 2010**

In honor of our Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's VASO invites you to exercise your throwing skills in the 1st Annual "Dunk A Vet!" at the Veterans' building, Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. This event will be \$5 for three throws and participants will have a chance to dunk MCN Veterans from all Service Branches as well as various members of our MCN National Council and our Principal Chief and Second Chief will also participate. Snow Cones and Cokes will be for sale and Popcorn will be Free. Ample seating will be available for this event. All ages welcome.

DUNKING SCHEDULE

1300 - 1330	U.S. NAVY They're first because they're used to the water - Swabbies
1330 - 1400	U.S. AIR FORCE Too much time in the air, Bring 'em down! - Flyboys
1400 - 1430	MCN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS We really shouldn't dunk them!!!
1430 - 1500	PRINCIPAL CHIEF & 2ND CHIEF We really shouldn't dunk them!!!
1500 - 1530	U.S. ARMY The largest Regiment in our tribe... Payback Time!!! - Grunts
1530 - 1600	U.S. MARINE CORPS Naturally, the Best for the last. - Jarheads

For more info contact:
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Commercial tobacco prevention: 'The Journey Continues...'

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

NORMAN — The third annual Preparing for the 7th Generation Commercial Tobacco Prevention Conference entitled "The Journey Continues" was held at the National Center for Employee Development April 7-9, 2010 in Norman, Okla.

The conference is a collaboration between government and tribal entities to help curb the use of commercial tobacco products.

'Cessation, Second Wind', a class taught by MCN Tobacco Prevention Program Manager Cynthia Tainpeah discussed the implementation and success of cessation programs in conjunction with tribal health programs.

"Our program is designed specifically to help American Indians to stop commercial tobacco abuse and remain commercial tobacco free," said Tainpeah. "We stress the importance of social responsibility, holistic vision, giving, sacred tobacco and wisdom of elders in our 'Cessation, Second Wind' program."

The program stair-steps participants through the process of becoming commercial tobacco free.

The conference had many objectives for attendees such as understanding the importance of sacred and ceremonial use of tobacco in Native American culture; explaining the effects of tobacco use, its addictive properties and the physiological effects of withdrawal to patients; intervening with patients in order to decrease withdrawal symptoms, understand personal and family health risks associated with tobacco use and articulating the role of organization, practice and individual in affecting tobacco policy.

Topics included Challenges for Smoke-Free Casinos Panel, Adult Tobacco Survey Data, Cessation – Second Wind, The Use of Talking Circles as Formative Research, Policy Toolkit, Getting to the Heart of It Panel, The Oklahoma Tobacco Hotline, Policy Partnering, Integrating Cessation into



MNN/Melodie Reader

MCN Cynthia Tainpeah speaks to a class concerning cessation programs during the 3rd Annual 'Preparing for the 7th Generation' Conference April 7-9, 2010 in Norman, Okla.

Behavioral Health, Integrating Cessation into Clinic System, Asthma and the Effects Associated with Smoking, Pediatrics and Effects of Tobacco Smoke on Child Health, Secondhand/Third-Hand Smoke Risks and Strategies to Avoid and Prevent Exposure, Cultural Health Initiatives Director of American Indian and Alaska Native Research and Smoke Free Home.

The conference opened with a welcome, invocation and posting of colors followed by a keynote address. After a short break, people divided into small groups and attended the breakout sessions according to their interests. The breakout sessions were repeated after lunch and attendees were able to choose another topic of their liking.

The conference also inserted a fitness activity into the agenda to keep attendees on their toes and get their blood pumping. During breaks and before and after sessions, exhibits were open in the hallways near the classrooms where those interested were able to ask questions concerning programs or discuss ideas with those in the health

field.

A pow-wow was held on the evening of Thursday, April 8, 2010 in the main ballroom of the center.

Friday, April 9, 2010 held a much shorter itinerary, as it was the final day of the conference. The day held no breakout sessions, but had a welcome and two keynote addresses.

Sponsors and organizers on the conference included: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Native American Tobacco Education Network, Osage Nation, Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust, Oklahoma Tobacco Research Center and Citizen Pottawatomie Nation.

For more information on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tobacco Prevention Program, please visit their web site www.theburningissue.org or call (918) 623-1189.

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Muscogee (Creek) Nation hosts 9th annual 'To Bridge a Gap' Conference in Tulsa

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

TULSA—The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hosted the Ninth Annual 'To Bridge A Gap' Conference at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel in Tulsa, Okla., March 29 – April 1, 2010. The four-day event hosted in collaboration with the National Forest Service, began with a GPR/GPS workshop Monday, March 29, 2010 at the Perryman Cemetery in Tulsa.

The 2010 'To Bridge A Gap Conference' boasted 37 tribal representatives from across the nation in attendance, who worked to forge bonds with agencies to help create a network of tribal and government contacts to expand knowledge of preservation and conservation procedures and ideas.

"Each year the conference gets better," said 2010 Moderator and USDA Ozark-St. Francis National Forest Director David Jurney. "For me, it's a learning experience."

Attendees assisted archeologists, anthropologists, tribal liaisons, cultural technicians, geologists, imaging specialists and forestry representatives with the mapping of unmarked graves

Muscogee (Creek) Storyteller Will Hill was the guest speaker.

Wednesday evening, participants attended a banquet with Principal Chief A.D. Ellis and guest speaker Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and President of the National Congress of American Indians Jefferson Keel.

"One of the priorities for the conference this year was to showcase productive partnerships between tribes and the National Forest Service and other federal agencies. We invited speakers from all over the country to talk about their partnerships they have developed, including tribal members from the Marie Arthur (Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho), Morris Brewer Jr. (Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribe from the Pine Ridge Reservation), Dan Meza and Larry Heady (National Forest Service Tribal Liaisons from the southwest and northeastern regions), as well as our own Muscogee (Creek) Nation employees, Tim Thompson (Cultural Advisor) and Josh Castleman (IRMP Project Coordinator) who discussed



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Pictured above are Muscogee (Creek) Nation Cultural Technician Emman Spain, Cultural Advisor Tim Thompson and Vice President of Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Charles Lone Chief examining one of the many pieces of specialized equipment used in the unmarked grave site location process at the "To Bridge A Gap" conference workshop at the Perryman Cemetery in Tulsa, Okla.

"Tribes have a long history of utilizing plants and it's an honor to assist them in the establishment and preservation of them."

— Mark Janzen, Natural Resource Conservation Service

through the use of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and Global Positioning Satellites (GPS).

Through the use of equipment which determines areas where moisture is retained in higher quantities, digital maps were created which reveal the probable location of grave sites. While some graves have headstones to mark the location of the grave, unmarked rows of graves were located once the data gathered from Monday's workshop was processed.

A reception followed the workshop at the Tulsa Marriott Hotel where

the partnership they have with Mark Janzen of the Natural Resource Conservation Service on traditional plant maintenance for medicinal and cultural preservation," said MCN Cultural Preservation representative Johnnie Jacobs.

"We also invited tribal speakers to discuss preservation issues that are still being worked through, such as Dr. Hunter from the Osage Nation who discussed continuing NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation) issues, Chairman Michael Burgess of the Comanche Nation

who discussed the recent case of Medicine Bluff and sacred site protection and Bobby Gonzalez from the Caddo Nation to discuss the Archaeological Resource Protection Act and associated issues," Jacobs said.

MCN organizers worked in conjunction with USDA Forest Services to finance and plan the event.

During the sessions, guest speaker USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Plant Material Specialist Mark Jenzen presented a collection of red root willow seedlings to the MCN for use in ceremonies and to establish

additional plantings. The original cuttings were received a year ago from Lester Ligons, NRCS Liaison to the MCN and cultivated at the Manhattan Plant Materials Center in Kansas.

"Tribes have a long history of utilizing plants and it's an honor to assist them in the establishment and preservation of them. I look forward to working with Tim Thompson, Cultural Advisor to the tribe, in the preservation of additional culturally significant plants," continued Jenzen. "While at the conference I visited with Tim about additional plantings that could be used

by the tribe. We are currently looking at the feasibility of establishing a nursery on tribal land and/or at the Manhattan Plant Materials Center."

Everything from medicinal plant conservation and preservation to vandalism and methamphetamine usage in sacred sites was discussed at the conference.

During the Archeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) sessions, speakers discussed vandalism to sacred sites and drug labs found at isolated locations.

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"There are no boundaries to looters today both native sacred sites and Civil War sites are being desecrated. Drug and meth labs are being developed at rock caves," said U.S. Department of Homeland Security Archaeologist Caven Clark. "Many historical and sacred sites are being destroyed today at a rate we can't keep up with. We don't have the resources available and we are losing history at a rapid rate."

Clark also noted the irony in the fact that vandalism from the early 1900s in its own way, is of historical merit and must also be preserved.

"In the case of vandalism on cave walls and other sacred sites, we must restore the site as close to the original as possible while still working to preserve the site historically," said Clark. "It can be almost an impossible task when someone who is on meth comes in to a site to steal artifacts and it looks like a bomb went off."

Sites where meth addicts have been known to vandalize may feature mutilated ground, missing artifacts



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Archeological and anthropological experts, tribal leaders and government officials from across the country gathered to discuss cultural and botanical conservation and preservation during the four-day event hosted by MCN Cultural Preservation March 29 – April 1, 2010.

and litter scattered across the area.

In some instances, officers who have come upon methamphetamine labs or addicts in the act of stealing artifacts have been on the receiving end of gunfire. So, officers are careful when entering a known sacred site to check for vandals and looters.

Sacred sites vary in size and area from ceremonial grounds and areas where medicinal plants grow to mountains or lakes.

"How large can sacred sites be?"

Blue Lake in Taos, N.M., Medicine Bluff at Ft. Sill, Okla., these are both large areas," said Chairman Micheal Burgess, Comanche Nation. "Agencies are responsible for getting information to the tribes when they are to work in an area, but it's our responsibility to know where our sacred sties are."

"All of the topics covered were topics that span across all of Indian Country and have an impact on all tribes. The partnerships that were presented could be models for any federal agency as they build their relationships with tribes," Jacobs said.

"There were many tribes and federal agencies that made contact for the first time, thus beginning to build those important relationships that are needed to further our tribal preservation efforts, as well as, government-to-government relations. We are very happy to have been a part of this continuing effort to further our preservation endeavors and build relationships with federal entities such as the National Forest Service," Jacobs said.

The 2011 'To Bridge A Gap Conference' will be hosted by the Chickasaw Nation. For more information, please contact MCN Cultural Preservation at (918) 732-7731.



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Experts are on-site to assist with the GPS/GPR workshop Monday, March 29, 2010. Pictured from left: Calif. USDA Forest Service Kisatchee National Forest Velicia Bergstrom, TX USDA Forest Service John Ippolotto, GPR Leading Expert Kent Schneider Ph.D., Idaho Nez Perce Tribe Marie Arthur and USDA Forestry Office of Tribal Relations Ken Kessler.

School Clothing Program to begin accepting applications May 3, 2010

Media Release
Social Services

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program 2010/2011, will be accepting applications for school clothing on Monday, May 3, 2010 until September 3, 2010 at 5 p.m. This program is open to all Muscogee Creek citizen students no matter where they live within in the U.S.

The guidelines of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program are as follows:

- Child must have been previously enrolled as a Creek Citizen before making application. You must submit copies of each child's Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Card, or a print out from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Office.
- The student must be at least three years old and enrolled in a certified Head Start (not a day care) or be four years old and enrolled in a public/private school Pre-K program and no higher than the 12th grade.
- All students (head start through 12th grade) must have a school official complete the School Enrollment Form that will be provided with the application.
- Home schooled children ages 5 to 18 are also eligible and must provide accredited curriculum OR original receipts of textbooks purchased and the signing of the Affidavit by the individual providing the education. The Affidavit will be provided with the application.
- The primary custodial parent or legal guardian must complete the application.
- Assistance is given on a

per-child basis, not per household. If you turned in receipts for 09-10 that were less than the amount you received, you may still be eligible to receive some assistance in increments of \$200 (Example: If you received \$400 and turned in receipts that only totaled \$350, participants will be eligible to receive \$200). Also, if you have another child just starting school, that child will not be affected by the reduced amount. The new child will be eligible for \$200.

Where can interested parties obtain an application? Applications may be picked up at the following locations:

- The School Clothing Program office, located behind the Social Services building at 2971 N. Wood Drive, Okmulgee, OK 74447.
- Any Creek Nation Child Development Center
- Any Creek Nation Indian Community Center
- You may download the application at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov
- Or call (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1(800) 482-1979 for an application to be mailed or faxed to you directly

All applications must be returned or mailed to: School Clothing Program, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not fax or e-mail the application to us. We must have original documentation submitted to process school clothing applications.

For more information, please contact the School Clothing Program at (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1 (800) 482-1979.

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FEATURES

SECTION B

May 1, 2010 Edition

Nation hopes to develop Fountainhead

• McIntosh County property expected to be placed in trust

Gerald Wofford

Communications Manager

WASHINGTON, D.C., — “The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has a strong record of building projects that benefit the quality of life for both tribal and non-tribal citizens in many rural areas in Eastern Oklahoma. This project would be a great resource for stimulating the tourist industry and job creation in the region, and would encourage new surrounding economic development. I look forward to continuing my work with Chief Ellis and the tribe on this legislation.” This was Congressman Dan Boren’s comment concerning the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and its business enterprising philosophy regarding purchasing property in McIntosh County.

In August 2005, the Nation bought the property known as the Fountainhead Resort located near Eufaula, Okla. The property was purchased at a Sheriff’s sale for \$2 million and the Nation was the only bidder. The resort property consists of 48 plus acres, a 188 room five-story hotel, a 27,000 square foot recreation building, as well as duplex cabins. The property also came with a 18 acre U.S. Corps of Engineers lease which also included duplex cabins.

The official survey of the property revealed that the recreation building sat entirely on Corps land and the survey line split one of the duplexes. The Nation approached the Corps about purchasing the rest and the Corps offered to sell the entire 18 plus acres to the Na-



U.S. Congress/Courtesy

Pictured above is Principal Chief A.D. Ellis who recently testified before the United States Congress in Washington, D.C., in order to voice support for Congressional approval of placing land near Eufaula in trust for future development by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

tion. With any land purchase, the Nation must have the property put in trust before use, which requires Congressional approval. The Corps even offered to help in writing this legislation.

It has been the Nation’s intention since the purchase to make the property a family destination resort on Lake Eufaula with several entertainment options. Tribal plans have already begun with the raising of the hotel and security now on the property.

The Nation has also leased the 18-hole Fountainhead Golf Course from the Corps and has appropriated \$2 million from the National Council

to renovate the course. The State of Oklahoma formerly had the lease and was in the process of closing the course entirely.

Local support has been received from Eufaula and surrounding cities, the local Chamber of Commerce, state representatives in as well as area lake associations.

On April 21, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief A.D. Ellis testified before Congress about the purchase and the plans of Fountainhead as well to have the property put into trust.

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Festival to feature Temptations, Houser and Coon for 2010

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — Save the date for a performance by one of the most successful acts to record for Motown. The Temptations will perform at the 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 9 p.m.

As always, the Festival promises two evenings of live entertainment from the Claude Cox Omniplex. Friday evening,

June 25, country star, Randy Houser launches the live entertainment for the 2010 Festival at 9 p.m. At 7 p.m., Jamie Coon, Seminole-Muscogee, promises a stimulating soul-pop performance to ready the stage and the crowd for the Temptations.

For a complete listing of times, events and contacts, visit the Festival section of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation’s official web site www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Deadline to nominate Living Legends set for May 26, 2010

Media Release

MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — The 36th Annual Creek Festival is seeking nominees for the Living Legends ceremony that will honor two tribal citizens who have devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek citizens. Several citizens have done great things and never have received recognition. This is an opportunity to honor them while they are living.

Two individuals will be selected by a committee from nominations. Nominees must be

a Creek citizen at least 55 years of age who has devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek people or MCN government in areas such as art, crafts, politics, education, and or ceremonial/religious leaders.

The committee will honor two recipients on Friday, June 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., on the local stage at the Claude Cox Omniplex. All nominees must be submitted by Wednesday, May 26, 2010 to the Office of the Principal Chief at: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, in order to be considered.



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Red Earth, Green
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The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, as well as Boren, expect Congress to approve the trust plan before the end of the year.

With the completion of the River Spirit Casino in South Tulsa last year, the Nation wants to key on this project now with

Congressional approval any may now consider other options like building closer to the Eufaula lake shore. It is the hope of the Nation to build a family destination resort which will jump start a staggering economy and help boost employment.

Thanks to Mr. Cole Perryman, Press Secretary to Congressman Dan Boren on the contribution to this article.

Mvskoke Country: *Red Earth, Green Government* by James Treat

Mvskoke people have always appreciated the beauty of nature, and the value of color symbolism. *Catē* (red) is an especially powerful color that can represent many things: the east, the sun, the sacred fire; blood, sacrifice, warfare, and survival.

For the dominant culture, preoccupied as it is with skin tone, red has been one of the primary colors of racial classification. Americans borrowed words from the Choctaws in naming their forty-sixth state "Oklahoma." The literal meaning is "red people," though the name is often mistranslated as "land of the red people," which in turn is sometimes condensed to "red earth." This last phrase happens to be a fairly accurate description of Oklahoma's iron-laden soil. And "red earth" is not far removed from "Indian Territory," which of course it was until the violence of statehood. Race is a colorful expression of manifest destiny.

Mvskoke and American perceptions of the color green are much more compatible.

In the dominant culture, green has been a shorthand reference to ecological concerns since the early seventies. The environmental organization Greenpeace, for example, was founded in 1971. The first green political groups emerged in the years that followed, though the United States did not have a national Green Party until 2001. Indigenous peoples have influenced the green movement throughout its short history.

Mvskoke people traditionally associate *lanē* (green) with the harvest. The most important event of the year at our ceremonial grounds is *posketv*—literally, "to fast," because fasting is such a vital part of Mvskoke religion.

This observance is known in English as "Green Corn," reflecting the fact that it marks the ripening of a new corn crop. The ancient agricultural heritage of the Mvskoke people is also evident in the great seal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. It features a plow and a sheaf of grain standing in an open field, and the modern (full-color) version is framed by a bright green border.

So it's worth noting that last summer the National Council enacted, and the Principal Chief authorized, law NCA 09-040, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Green Government Initiative. This new addition to our Code of Laws is "designed to help promote a more traditional way of life by returning to what our ancestors valued and believed to be our sources of life: wind, sun, water, and the natural environment around us."

The Green Government Initiative addresses four areas of environmental impact: construction practices, office activity, materials recycling, and waste management.

(1) It empowers the Office of Environmental Services to develop a comprehensive building code with construction requirements that are ecologically sound and energy efficient.

(2) It directs all government offices to conserve energy and reduce waste in their day-to-day operations.

(3) It establishes a recycling program to coordinate the collection of such materials from public and residential buildings.

(4) It calls for stricter regulation of solid waste, including toxic chemicals, on lands under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Environmental Services staff have already begun implementing the new law; recycling bins are now available throughout the Capitol Complex. An interdepartmental task force, the Muscogee Nation Green

Team, is meeting on a quarterly basis to coordinate various projects related to sustainability. A follow-up law, NCA 09-194, has authorized access to a federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, which will eventually create as many as twenty-five new jobs in Mvskoke country.

The Green Government Initiative was sponsored by National Council representative Terrie Anderson and co-sponsored by representatives Selina Jayne-Dornan and Paula Willits. Anderson believes this endeavor puts us "on the cutting edge" of sustainability legislation. Other tribes have environmental regulations of one kind or another, but this may be the first comprehensive "green government" law adopted by a federally recognized tribe in the United States.

In the words of the Green Government Initiative, this bold venture "will allow the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to serve as an example for all Native American tribes" and "to lead the effort to return to our traditional beliefs."

Let's hope that future generations will look back on ours as the time when Oklahoma started going green.

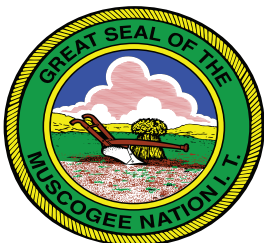
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You can find more information about Mvskoke country, including an archive of previous columns, at <http://mvskokecountry.wordpress.com/>

I welcome your comments on anything I've written, as well as your suggestions for things I should be writing about. You can reach me by email at treaty@illinois.edu



MOVIE NIGHT!



ATTENTION: MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CIVILIANS

In honor of our Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival
and In Appreciation of Muscogee (Creek) Civilians
Your Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veterans will be hosting

"MOVIE NIGHT"
(Friday, 25 June 2010)

ALL MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CIVILIANS

- Showtime - 2100 Hrs. - Friday, 25 June 2010
- Location - Veterans Building (MCN Complex)
- Movie - The 1953 classic **"WAR OF THE WORLDS"**
(with Gene Barry & Ann Robinson)
- Drinks - Coke & Diet Coke (Free Of Charge)
 - Chow - Popcorn (Free Of Charge)
 - Smoking Lamp is Lit
- Price of Admission - FREE (Adults only)
- Any questions call Shawn Taryole at the MCN VASO (918) 732-7745



CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Springfield gospel singing set for Sunday, May 30

OKEMAH — On Sunday, May 30, Springfield United Methodist Church will host the annual memorial gospel singing. Concessions will be available and participants are asked to bring their own lawn chairs for the event. Singing will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, please contact Ethel Humble at (918) 623-1710.

Immersion School Curriculum Review Committee

MORRIS — The Este Mvskokv-lke Oponakv Takuecvlke Curriculum Review Committee will meet the second Saturday of every month beginning Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Morris, Okla.

This will be a social meeting to discuss, review and adopt Mvskoke curriculum words such as science, computer, fractions, efficiency, etc. The committee is open to all fluent Mvskoke speakers and elders to come join the fun, socialize and do something great for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the first immersion school. Your ideas, experiences, and knowledge are important to the cause! Following the meeting will also be a potluck dinner.

For more information, contact National Council Rep. Terrie Anderson at (918) 237-1417 or by e-mail at: tanderson@mcnnc.com

Mvskoke Language CDs now available

OKMULGEE — CDs are available for purchase containing Mvskoke words and phrases. The cost is \$15 for a set of nine CDs containing audio of over 600 Mvskoke words and phrases and \$5 for one CD containing all of the written Mvskoke words and phrases. Please place orders with the Mvskoke Language Program at (918) 732-7724 and please allow two weeks for delivery.

Muscogee Festival now accepting parade entries

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Parade will be held Saturday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m., in Okmulgee, Okla.

The Festival Committee is now accepting applications for the MCN Festival Parade which will follow a route through historic downtown Okmulgee along Main Street passing directly in front of the Creek Council House Museum.

Participants may enter a float to advertise a company and MCN departments, communities, ceremonial grounds, churches and organizations are also encouraged to enter.

For more information, visit the Festival Event section on the MCN web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov an application or contact MCN Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992 or (800) 482-1979.

Mental Health Awareness

OKMULGEE — “Unmask the Stigma”, a Mardi Gras themed Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day will be from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., May 7, 2010 in the Okmulgee Omniplex, with Motivational Speaker Chance Rush, Hip Hop Artist Jason “Smoke” Nichols, balloon release, games for kids.

Lunch will be provided for all preregistered youth. For more information please contact Jessica Seachris at (918) 224-9307.

Morning Star Singing

MOUNDS — The Morning Star Evangelistic Center will host “An Evening of Singing to the Lord” Saturday, May 8, 2010 beginning at 6 p.m.

The event will be located at 14248 Hectorville Rd., off Hwy. 75 (east one 122st St.). A food sale will also be held before and during the singing and all proceeds will benefit the church building fund.

For more information, please contact Salena Watashe at (918) 630-2788.

Spring Cultural Day

OKMULGEE — The MCN Office of Child Care will host Spring Cultural Day from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., on May 6, 2010 at MCN Tribal complex, south of the Mound Building. Meet Mvskoke royalty, experience traditional foods, storytelling and demonstrations. For more information call (918) 732-7680 or (800) 205-3705.

MCN School Clothing Assistance Program

OKMULGEE — Applications for the 2010 MCN School Clothing Assistance Program will be available at the School Clothing Program Office, MCN Indian Community Centers and the MCN Child Development Center. Applications will be accepted beginning May 3, 2010 and ending September 3, 2010 at 5 p.m.

For more information, please call (918) 756-2024, (800) 482-1979 or visit the MCN web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov.

Client Appreciation Day

HENRYETTA — Reintegration is hosting “Client Appreciation Day” with a motivational speaker and an open house from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., on May 14, 2010 at their office located at 615 E. Corporation St., Henryetta, OK 74437. For more information or to RSVP, contact Donna at (918) 652-2676.

Higher Ed. Applications due June 1, 2010

OKMULGEE — Applications for the 10/11 academic year are now available on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation home web site under bulletins for new applicants at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov.

Applications will be accepted through June 1, 2010.

For more information, please contact Human Development at (918) 732-7695, (918) 732-7692, or (800) 482-1979.

Elderly Lawn Care

OKMULGEE — Senior Services offers free lawn care beginning May, 4, 2010 for elders 55 or older and physically unable to care for their own lawn.



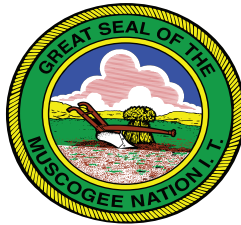
For more information please contact Jackson Barnett at (918) 732-7723.

Chief Ellis Scholarship

OKMULGEE — Applications are now available to all 2010 graduating high school seniors for the \$2,500 Chief Ellis Scholarship.

Please submit all required paperwork to Eleanor G. Thomas, PO Box 1950, Window Rock, AZ, 86515 by September 30, 2010.

MOVIE NIGHT!




ATTN: UNITED STATES ARMY VETERANS

In Honor of Muscogee Veterans the VASO will be hosting

“MOVIE NIGHT” Thursday, 10 June 2010

**To Celebrate
The Birth Month Of The Army (14 June 1775)**

- Showtime - 2100 Hrs. - 10 June 2010
- Location - Veterans Building (MCN Complex)
- Movie - “THE BIG RED ONE” (Lee Marvin, Mark Hamill and Robert Carradine)
- Drinks - Coke & Diet Coke (Free Of Charge)
- Chow - Popcorn (Free Of Charge)
- Smoking Lamp is Lit
- Price of Admission - Army Veterans must wear their MCN Veterans Vest (If you do not have a vest bring in your DD-214 to be measured for a MCN Veterans vest)
- Muscogee Army Veterans are allowed to bring one guest. (Please limit to only one guest) (Adults only)
- “MOVIE NIGHT” is for Muscogee Veterans only (Plus one guest)
- Any questions call Shawn Taryole at the MCN VASO (918) 732-7745



2010 MCN Festival schedule

<p>Friday, June 4</p> <p>7 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miss/ Jr. Miss Muscogee Nation Pageant—Henryetta High School Auditorium—1800 W. Troy Aikman Drive, in Henryetta 	<p>8:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf Tournament (Scramble)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course <p>10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Fun Fair <p>12 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Bow Shooting Range—Grounds West of Mound Building <p>5 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts & Crafts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council House Indian Art Festival—106 West 6th, Downtown Okmulgee <p>10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Festival Parade—Main Street (6th Street), Downtown Okmulgee Rodeo Slack—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena <p>11 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts & Crafts Food Vendors <p>12 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Bow Shooting Range—West of Mound Building, Tribal Complex <p>2-6 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creek Hymn Singing and Gospel Singing—South of Mound Building, MCN Tribal Complex <p>6:30- 9 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rodeo Finals — Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena Live Entertainment - The Temp-tations
<p>Friday, June 18</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow Pitch Softball Tournament Arts and Crafts Food Vendors 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Vendors <p>5:30 - 7 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living Legends <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast Pitch Softball Tournament <p>6:30 - 9 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rodeo—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena Live Entertainment - Randy Houser
<p>Saturday, June 19</p> <p>8 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow Pitch Softball Tournament Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gym—1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive <p>11 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts and Crafts Food Vendors Muscogee Royalty Reception <p>7 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live Entertainment 	<p>Saturday, June 26</p> <p>8 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gymnasium - 1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive 5k Walk/Run Fast Pitch Softball Tournament Horseshoe Tournament Children's Fun Fair Farmers Market <p>8:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf Tournament (Individual Qualification)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course HWY 150, Checotah <p>9 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volleyball Tournament <p>9 a.m. - 12 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Safety <p>Seat Check—Parking Lot West of Mound Building</p> <p>9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday, June 27</p> <p>8 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast Pitch Softball Tournament Farmers Market Children's Fun Fair <p>8:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf Tournament (Championship)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course, HWY 150 Checotah <p>11 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts & Crafts Food Vendors
<p>Sunday, June 20</p> <p>8 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow Pitch Softball Tournament <p>Thursday, June 24</p> <p>12 p.m. Noon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Bow Shooting Range—West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex <p>7:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stomp Dance—South of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex 	<p>Friday, June 25</p> <p>8 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Olympics — Harmon Stadium—601 E. 12th Street Senior Citizens Activities — Elderly Nutrition Center Farmers' Market 	 <p>All events unless otherwise noted will take place at the Claude Cox Omnplex in Okmulgee, Okla. Shuttle parking will be available at Housing and east of the Mound Building. All events are subject to change.</p> <p>For more information, contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732-7992.</p>

Miss Muscogee Scholarship Pageant kicks off Muscogee (Creek) Festival

Media Release
MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — Mark your calendars for the 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival. The Festival is host to thousands of spectators and participants throughout the month of June and boasts exciting entertainment and numerous activities for the entire family to enjoy. This year's theme, "PUM ESTVLKE (Our People)," refers to the reason we hold a celebration annually.

The Festival begins with the Miss Muscogee Scholarship Pageant. The Miss and Jr. Miss Pageants will be held Friday, June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Henryetta High School Auditorium in Henryetta, OK. Witness the skills, talents, and beauty of our future leaders.

The Softball Slow Pitch Tournament bats off June 18-20 at the Claude Cox Omnplex just west of the intersection of Highway 75 & Loop 56 in Okmulgee, Okla.

Festival activities accelerate through June 27 at the Claude Cox Omnplex, and include cultural demonstrations; an All-Indian rodeo; concerts featuring local and national acts; sports tournaments; arts and crafts; food vendors; a pa-

rade through historic downtown Okmulgee; a children's fun fair and much more. All events are FREE and EVERYONE is welcome.

As with any major event, parking can be complex; therefore, there will be SHUTTLE PARKING again this year. Park at the MCN Housing Division parking lot or the parking lot east of the Mound at the MCN Complex. Shuttles are scheduled to run every 20 minutes beginning after 5 p.m., Friday, June 25 and after noon on Saturday, June 26.

Join us for this momentous and time-honored gathering and enjoy meeting old friends and new acquaintances. Place a float in the parade and advertise your program or company or choose to be a sponsor at any level.

For a complete listing of times, events and contacts, visit the Festival section of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's official web site.

For more information on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, contact the Office of Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992 or (800) 482-1979 or via e-mail at: tourism@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Muscogee Festival now accepting parade entries for June 26

Media Release
MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Parade will be held Saturday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m., in Okmulgee, Okla.

The Festival Committee is now accepting applications for the MCN Festival Parade which will follow a route through historic downtown Okmulgee along Main (6th) Street passing directly in front of the Creek Council House Museum.

Participants may enter a float to advertise a company and MCN departments, communities, ceremonial grounds, churches and organizations are also encouraged to enter.

For more information, visit the Festival Event section on the MCN web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov an application or contact MCN Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992 or (800) 482-1979.

Russell signs with Haskell

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

MORRIS — Morris High School senior and Muscogee (Creek) citizen Jerry Russell, Jr., signed a letter of intent with Haskell Indian Nations University March 31, 2010.

Russell is the 19-year-old son of Shelia and Jerry Russell and the brother of Zaine Russell.

Russell played left guard during the 2010 MHS football season with 27 tackles and seven losses his senior year for a total of 86 percent offensively. His junior year included 57 tackles and 13 losses with an 82 percent offensive.

Offensive percentages are based upon blocking assignments, whether the blocking assignment is made, if the block was a pancake (knock-down) block and how well the play is made.

Jerry cut his senior year short four games with an injury but is stronger than ever with surgery and rehab," said Coach Larry Crenshaw. "He played great offensively, improving upon his 82 percent junior scoring, with an 86 percent his senior year. He'll be a great addition to Haskell's football team."

Tapes were sent out to various universities and several offers were extended to Russell. However, after reviewing all of his options, Russell decided that Haskell Indian Nations University was best for him.

When we visited we loved the coaches and how they seemed to really care about their players and were very interested in making sure the players were keeping up with their grades," said Russell, Jr. "If a student is not doing well in a class they will seek help for that student."

Undecided in his major, Russell has an interest in criminal justice. While education is all-important, football is what he loves to do and Russell is very glad to be able to play while earning his degree.

Five years down the road Rus-



MNN/Melodie Reader

Pictured above seated from left are: Coach Eddie York, Shelia Russell, Jr., and Coach Larry Crenshaw. Pictured standing from left are: Coach Roger King and fellow team mates Derrick Deere, Matt Corn and Cody Smith.

sell see himself as, "Having a good job with my experience at Haskell being one of the most fulfilling things that happens to me."

Jerry has played ball since he was in the third grade," said Shelia Russell. "When Jerry played pee-wee football he caught the ball and was going for a touchdown and was dragging four other kids with him. He was so much bigger than the other kids that they couldn't tackle him."

Jerry loves the sport and cannot wait until he is able to play for Coach Ed Brock at Haskell.

I have to say what I love most about this sport is that it is a contact sport," said Russell, Jr. "I love to pound and ground."

MHS football starting line includes Junior Chandler Torbett at Center, Senior Colton Dunlap at Left Tackle, Senior Danny Crawford at Right Guard and Junior P.J. Scott at Right Tackle with Jerry Russell, Jr. at Left Guard. The MHS football roster consisted of 11 seniors, 12 juniors,

15 sophomore and 16 freshman.

MHS Football Coach Larry Crenshaw enjoyed working with Russell, Jr.

Jerry was our go-to guy on the field. If we needed a extra yard or two, we ran our kids behind him," said Crenshaw. "If we needed something done, we looked toward him. He was a key to our offensive success."

"Jerry was very strong, very agile and a great leader," continued Coach Crenshaw. "He did a super job all four years he started for us."

"I'm am very thankful to my family and friends who have supported me all of these years playing ball and I am thankful to my coaches who have helped make me the player I am today and have helped to make sure that I got to play football in college," continued Russell.

Russell is also slated to play in the Native All-Star game in Las Vegas, N.V., this summer. More information may be found at www.nativeallstar.com

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TUFFIE SILAS PIGEON



WETUMKA — Tuffie Silas Pigeon went to be with the Lord on April 4th, 2010 in Holdenville, Okla., at the age of 71. Tuffie was born to Robert and Velma Pigeon on June 9, 1938 in Dustin, Okla.

Tuffie was raised in Dustin, and graduated from Dustin High School then went on to attend Eastern State College in Wilburton.

Tuffie married Nancy Scott in 1960 at Holdenville and they made their home in Oklahoma City until 14 years ago and then made their home in Hughes County.

Tuffie worked several years installing underground sprinkler systems. He was a member of Arbeka Ceremonial Grounds.

Tuffie loved to make ball sticks, playing stickball and soft ball and was a fan of all sports. Tuffie was a Dallas Cowboys fan and enjoyed watching his grand kids play.

Tuffie was preceded in death by his father and mother: Robert and Velma Pigeon, one infant daughter Josephine in 1970 and several siblings.

Survivors include: Wife Nancy of the home, sons: Boston Pigeon of Oklahoma City, Joe Pigeon and Harley Pigeon of the home. Daughters: Cindy Pigeon and Angelia Pigeon of Oklahoma City, Cheryl Pigeon of Seminole, Okla., and Roberta Pigeon of the home, 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grand children and a host of nieces and nephews. Sisters: Esther Gray of Pryor, Okla., Lela

Goodman of Dustin, Okla., and Stella Pigeon of Hanna, Okla. Brothers: Oscar Pigeon, Paul Pigeon, Dennis Pigeon and Adam Pigeon all of Dustin, Okla., and Bobby Pigeon of Sulpher, Okla.

Tuffie will be missed by all that knew and loved him. Wake Services were held Thursday, April 8, 2010 at Faith Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 9, 2010 at 2 p.m., at Faith Baptist Church in Dustin.

Officiating was Revs. Leon Postoak and Harmon Huffman.

Tuffie was laid to rest in the Pigeon Family Cemetery in Dustin, Okla.

Pallbearers included: Brandon Pigeon, Dustin Pigeon, Chris Pigeon, Anthony Pigeon, Junior Pigeon, Kevin Fields, Robert Cully, Paul Pigeon, Dennis Pigeon, Oscar Pigeon and Spooky Jimboy.

Services were under the direction of Williamson-Spradlin Funeral Home in Wetumka, Okla.

MARGIE HARJO

WELEETKA — Margie Harjo went to be with the Lord on Monday, April 12, 2010 at the age of 77.

Margie passed away at her home in Weleetka, Okla. Services were held Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 2 p.m., at the Alabama Baptist Church in Weleetka, Okla.

A wake service was also held Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Alabama Baptist Church in Weleetka.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:)
SW/4 SW/4 OF SECTION 22,)
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RANGE 7 EAST, CREEK)
COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.)

NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TO: Cecilia Davis, Earnestine Davis, Estelen Chotkey Davis, George Davis, Jr., Marcey Davis, Jr., David N. Harjo, Louise Harjo, Mike Harjo, Noah Harjo, Jr., Willie Harjo, Amos J. Lowe, Dewayne Lowe, Floyd W. Lowe, Frederick Lowe, George W. Lowe, Jr., Patricia Lowe, Romona S. Lowe, Nadine M. Harjo Monroy, Shirley A. Harjo now Pigeon, Susie Floyd Reeder, Katherine Taitague, Cindy Harjo Williams, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Realty/Trust Services Office, and if the above named individual is deceased, then the unknown heirs, executor, administrators, devisees, trustees, and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such deceased individual; if any of the above named parties designated as executor is not acting in such capacity as executor, then the unknown successor or successors to such party as executor; and all other persons, owners, producers, operators, purchasers and particularly in Creek County, Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant, Tulsa Energy, Inc., has filed an Application in this cause requesting the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma to enter an Order pooling the interests of the oil and gas owners, and adjudicating the rights and equities in connection with the 40 acre drilling and spacing unit that has been requested to be established by the Applicant for the Bruner, Layton, Cleveland, Big Lime-Oswego, Prue, Skinner, Red Fork, Bartlesville, Misener and Simpson Group common sources of supply underlying the unit comprised of the SW/4 SW/4 of Section 22, Township 17 North, Range 7 East, Creek County, Oklahoma. The interest of the oil and gas owners involved herein and the rights and equities in respect thereto are to be pooled and adjudicated pursuant to 52 O.S. §87.1 on the basis of the drilling and spacing units covered hereby. The Application in this cause states that Applicant has proposed the development of the separate common sources of supply in the drilling and spacing unit involved herein under a plan of development and has proposed to

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:)
A.K.G., DOB: 06-05-09) Case No. JV-2009-06
Alleged Deprived Children.)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Robert W. Osborne, Natural Father

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 8th day of June, **2010** at **10:00 a.m**
YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. **YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED** that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

C.S.; DOB: 09-11-06
A.S.; DOB: 04-08-08

Alleged Deprived Children.

Case No JV-2009-14

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Juan Salgado, Father C.S. and A.S.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the **13TH day of July, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.**

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. **YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED** that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP)
OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF)
L.E.W.)

Minor child.

Case No. GD-2010-05

Judge Patrick Moore

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD

TO: AMBER DAWN TIGER

On the 5th day of March 2010, a Petition was filed in this Court for the Appointment of Guardian of the minor child, L.E.W., a minor child born out of wedlock on July 27, 2005, to Amber Dawn Tiger, so that a guardian can be appointed for said minor child. Said Petition is set for hearing on the 3rd day of June 2010 at the hour of 2 o'clock AM(PM) before the Honorable Judge Patrick E. Moore in District Court in and for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, located at Highway 75 and Loop 56, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioner and appear at the above scheduled hearing or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Signed and dated this 19 day of April 2010.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

D.N., DOB: 10/02/96
J.N., DOB: 7/30/99

Alleged Deprived Children

Case No. JV-2003-18

JUVENILE SUMMONS

THE MUSCOGEE NATION to: Troy Simmers/Unknown Father of D.N., DOB: 10-02-96
Unknown
Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation alleging that the above-named child is a deprived child and that, as the parent of said child(ren), you have been named as the Respondent, all as more fully set out in the Petition.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the **5TH day of OCTOBER, 2010 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. for an Adjudication Hearing** and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged so that you may be advised of the allegations and may answer that you admit or deny the allegations of the Deprived Petition.

You may seek the advice of any attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense. Or, if you are qualified as indigent, an attorney can be appointed for you.

IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THIS HEARING, YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AND YOU MAY BE CITED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A BENCH WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST.

Issued this 9th day of April, 2010.

Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court

[Seal]

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the Name Change of

TERESA ANGELA KING

Case No. CV-2010-45
Judge Patrick E. Moore

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: Whom it may concern

Teresa Angela King, born November 16, 1951 has filed a *Petition* in the above Court to have her name changed from Teresa Angela King to T.A. Sunshine King and the same will be heard in the courtroom of before Judge Patrick E. Moore in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District Courthouse, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of June, 2010 at 10:00 o'clock A.m, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any person may file a written protest in this case prior to the date set for the hearing.

Given under my hand a seal this 14th day of April, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk.
By Sobieck King
Deputy Court Clerk

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Statue

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“Women were trying to make a concerted effort to show that we are just as good as any man, and as a Muscogee woman, I am proud to have been a part of it. I’m not afraid of you guys!”

“I am so very glad to be here today, to stand before you and tell you that I am a proud Muscogee Marine Corps veteran,” said Lowry. “This statue honors current veterans and those who have fought before us. Thank you.”

The words inscribed on the base of the statue say, ‘Mvskoke hoktvke svpaklet tawetakares, estofis mecaket estofis macakares,’ which translates to, ‘Muscogee women stand and defend, always have and always will.’

A committee of women veterans have worked for over a year on the concept and design of the statue. Committee members along with artist Sandra Van Zant include Fannie Barnett, National Council Representative Paula Willits, June Mustari, Carol Hicks Muniz and Pam Checotah.

“We worked with the artist and her design and models to create the statue you see here today,” said Willits. “It took many meetings to get the idea of what we wanted on paper to model to full-size statue. We made modifications throughout the process and are happy to see all our hard work come together.”

Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force veterans gathered to celebrate the dedication, marvel at the statue and swap stories after the event.

“It’s all one fight now,” said Marine Corps Sergeant Major Jim Booker of Camp Le Jeune in Jacksonville, N.C., who was invited for both the statue dedication and the Red Stick Battle Anniversary. “There’s not a lot of distinction between the units now. With the war effort, we can’t differentiate between the two. When your back’s against the wall, you need people to fight, man or woman.”

“The MCN Veterans Affairs and Services Office are very proud to honor our women in uniform,” said Davis.

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2010 CMN Graduation

- College of the Muscogee Nation honors graduates



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Pictured above is the graduating class of the College of the Muscogee Nation who celebrated commencement exercises on Saturday, May 1, 2010 in the Mound Building Auditorium on the tribal complex in Okmulgee, Okla.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The College of the Muscogee Nation celebrated commencement at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 1, 2010 in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound Building located in the tribal complex in Okmulgee, Okla. With 44 graduates, the auditorium

was bursting at the seams with standing room only as the students, family, friends, faculty, administrators, council members and VIPs filled the seats to capacity. The ceremony opened with a prelude and processional of Pomp and Circumstance played on native flute by

Cultural Interpreter-Ataloa of Bacone College, John Timothy followed by the national anthem, 'The Star Spangled Banner' led by Special Advisor to the President of Bacone College, Sandra Turner Peters.

SEE GRADUATES - A7

Court order helps rescind budget cuts

Angel Ellis
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE — After months of testimony and the release of the Final Order March 19, 2010, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court issued a Supplemental Order for CV 2009-33 Thursday, May 6, 2010.

The order specifically releases tobacco funds back to the Checotah, Duck Creek, Eufaula and Okemah Indian Communities. These funds were found to be commingled with net gaming revenue in the beginning of the trial.

Bristow and Holdenville were

not found to have commingled smoke shop and gaming revenue.

The Court further ordered the disbursement of the remaining net gaming funds held in escrow by Court Order. The funds are to be used to reimburse audit fund accounts, pay attorney fees for the Office of Principal Chief and remaining funds will be released into the Nation's General Revenue Account.

It is the latter part of this court order which had a direct effect on the lifting of a hiring freeze and budget cuts for the Nation.

Deer and Bettenberg to headline 8th annual MCN C.L.E.

Media Release
MCN Judicial Branch

OKMULGEE — The 8th annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation 'Doing Business in Indian Country' CLE will take place May 20-21, 2010. This year's event will be held at the newly re-modeled River Spirit Convention Center located just north of the River Spirit Casino on Riverside Drive in Tulsa.

The 8th annual CLE will fea-

ture speakers including Former National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman Montie Deer and Former Deputy Assistant Sec. of Indian Affairs William Bettenberg. Topics to be discussed will range from sovereignty to entertainment in Indian casinos.

For more information, please contact the MCN District Court at (918) 758-1400.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the marriage of HAQUE,)
BARBARA HAQUE,)
Petitioner,)
vs.) Case No. DV 2010- 44
KAZI EKHLAS HAQUE,) Before Patrick E. Moore
Respondent.) Judge of the District Court

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Kazi Ekhlhas Haque

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. DV 2010-44, styled In re the Marriage of Barbara Haque, Petitioner and Kazi Ekhlhas Haque, Respondent. The action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled to a *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage* from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner on or before the 8th day of June, 2010, or appear at the hearing on the 8th day of June 2010 at 2 O'clock P.m. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of May, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

By: Sharon McLenathan
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:)
Case No. JV-2009-12)
B.B.; DOB: 12-07-01)
J.B.; DOB: 06-03-00)
C.B.; DOB: 07-15-06)
E.B.; DOB: 02-03-05)
L.P.; DOB: 01-02-99)
K.C.; DOB: 08-02-95)
Alleged Deprived Children)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Kenneth Wayne Culberson, Jr.
Natural Father to L.P and K.C.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 8th day of June, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. **YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED** that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

District Court filings for January 2010

The District Court filings from January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010 are as follows:

Traffic:

MCN v. James Austen	Ct. 1: Trespassing
MCN v. Jeffrey Jones	Ct. 1: Expired Tag
MCN v. Juan Campos	Ct. 1: DUR

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The District Court filings from February 1, 2010 through February 28, 2010 are as follows:

Civil:

Chuck McIntosh V. Cherry Gross	Petition
Tulsa Adjustment Bureau v. Christine Rogers	Foreign Judgment
Jessica Grissom v. Kerry Cowell	Petition
Affordable Bail Bonds v. Lloyd Stidham	Foreign Judgment
Saber Acceptance Co., V. Jacqueline Rolland	Foreign Judgment
Carrie Fox v. Joshua Bearpaw	Petition
Saber Acceptance Co., v. Brandee Beaver	Petition
Royal Finance v. James Dee	Small Claims
Valued Services of Oklahoma First American	Small Claims
Cash Advance v. Andrea Dan	
Approved Cash Advance v. Stephanie McGirt	Small Claims
Wyatt Rogers v. Falen Begley	Petition
Saber Acceptance Co., v. Joanna King	Petition

Robert Deere Jr., v. Jennifer Kelly

Petition

Divorce:

Dirk Wood v. Ronney Wood	Divorce
Angela Kovacs v. Andrew Kovacs	Divorce
Patsy Rickert v. Gregory Rickert	Divorce
Victoria Jones v. Stephen Coslow	Divorce
Tommy Davis v. Lori Davis	Divorce
Jesse Guinn v. Zanna Guinn	Divorce
Amy Dalton v. Joseph Reeder	Divorce
Netta Bean v. Alan Bean	Divorce
Joyce Watson v. Raymond Watson	Divorce
Tommy McElhannon v. Mark McElhannon	Divorce

Family Domestic:

Elizabeth Pickering v. OCSE, ex rel., Alexis Perez	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Michelle Hughes v. Dwayne Bruner	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Ella Delodge v. Charles Carey	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Brandy Martin v. Lee Johnson Jr.	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Cassia Epperson v. Brandon Dennis	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Robin Major v. Mark Burks	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., James Tevebaugh v. Tamera Hayes	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Dawn Harris v. Richard Barry	Child Support

Ex-Parte:

Jamie McIntosh v. Randall Joshua	Ex-Parte
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Janie Prather v. Michael Prather, Dezarae West & Dawnette Kohlmeier		Ex-Parte
Jamie McIntosh v. Randall Joshua		Ex-Parte
Janie Prather v. Michael Prather, Dezarae West & Dawnette Kohlmeier		Ex-Parte
Janie Prather v. Tacarra Mendez		Ex-Parte
Brenna Littlehead v. Chelsea Jackson		Ex-Parte
Cara Alexander v. Ashley Berryhill		Ex-Parte
Crystal Walker v. Harold Walker Jr.		Ex-Parte
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Criminal Felony:		
MCN v. Clint Labor	Ct. 1: Possession of Illegal Drug Paraphernalia	
MCN v. Terra Beaver	Ct. 1: Cheating by Check	
MCN v. Dale Parson	Ct. 1: Possession of Illegal Drugs with Intent to Distribute	
MCN v. Jesse Walker	Ct. 1: Possession of Illegal Drugs with Intent to Distribute Ct. 2: Possession of Illegal Drug Paraphernalia	
MCN v. Tiffany Brown	Ct. 1: Cheating by Check	

District Court filings for March 2010

The District Court filings from March 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010 are as follows:

Civil:		
Recovery Management Systems Ltd., v. Terry Dutchy		Foreign Judgment
MCN v. One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00)		Forfeiture
James Haver v. Heather Saenz & Willie Wright		Foreign Judgment
Southcrest Hospital v. Sharon Hill		Foreign Judgment
Payday Money Store v. Taryn McCargo		Small Claims
Central Ohio Credit Corp. v. Farrell Blackbear		Foreign Judgment
Kyle Ganote v. Brittany Hawkins		Petition
Alex Castillo		Petition
Vanessa Berryhill v. Brian Harper		Petition
Stephanie Crippen v. Douglas Blanton		Petition
W.M. & Carolyn Milroy v. Stan Harjo		Foreign Judgment
Melissa Billings v. Eric Harjo		Petition
AHS D/B/A Hillcrest HealthCare Systems v. Sherry Simpson		Foreign Judgment
Keri Poole v. Carl Hobia		Petition
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State of Oklahoma ex rel., Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma v. Kyla Vanzile		Foreign Judgment

Divorce:
Shannon Broncho v. Charles Broncho
Louis Holahta v. Shirley Holahta
Jesse Givens v. Julia Givens
Tommy Uselton v. Theresa Ramirez-Uselton
Jennifer Mathews v. Noah Clegg
Tiffany Tedford-Gonzalez v. Antolin Gonzalez
Isabell Butler v. Andy Butler
Seth Wahnee v. Mindy Wahnee
Robert Merriman Jr. V. Natasha Merriman
Crystal Walker v. Harold Walker Jr.

Family Domestic:
Kimberly Cheatwood v. OCSE, ex rel., Barry Hoevker
OCSE, ex rel., Kelly Rogers v. Bryan Rogers
OCSE, ex rel., Cindy Gouge v. Roland Robert
OCSE, ex rel., Cathy Reeder v. Cory Butler
OCSE, ex rel., Travis Scott v. Jessica Hargrove
OCSE, ex rel., Sharon Wager v. Kenneth Wagner
OCSE, ex rel., Candy Sadler v. Charles Holahta
OCSE, ex rel., Alysia Gonzales v. Chase Kaler
OCSE, ex rel., Jimmie Kimray v. Melody Kimray
OCSE, ex rel., Sharkeya Freeman v. Ronald Grayson

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Sabra Wind v. Thomas Deere
Talisha Walton v. Gary McVay

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Letter from MNN Editor:


Estonko readers!
I hope you and your household (literally) are both still standing after the passing of the treacherous weather this past week.
If you're not familiar with life in Tornado Alley, let me tell you there are some Okies that are completely content standing on the front porch as the storm passes over.
These brave storm trackers stand ready with their cameras/phones/video recorders ready to catch the twister in action as it rolls across the blackened sky so they can recount the incident to their neighbors the next day.
My roommate is not one of those people.

This Oklahoman is no stranger to bad weather and I've certainly had my fill of time spent squatting in the bathtub with a mattress propped over my head, so I was thankful my friend Monte let us run for cover to his family's cellar.
When you're closed in a cramped space with 11 other people and eight furry friends, the air definitely becomes a little thicker and you begin to think about what is truly important in life and of those you love.

I love my friends and family. I love my job. I love my tribe. I love my Great Dane, Sterling (even if he does wake me up in the middle of the night with his barking).
If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at R Landsberry@ muscogeenation-nsn.gov



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VETERANS SCOOP



VASO Events

JUNE 25, 2010

To celebrate our annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival in June and in appreciation of all Muscogee civilians, the MCN VASO will be hosting a civilian "Movie Night" on Friday 25 June 2010.

This event is free of charge to all Muscogee civilians and starts at 2100 hours at the Veterans' Building located on the tribal complex.

The featured movie will be the 1953 classic 'War of the Worlds' with Gene Barry and Ann Robinson.

Refreshments of Coke, Diet Coke and popcorn will be provided free to all civilians attending the movie. The smoking lamp will also

be lit and seating will be provided. Adults only, please.

JUNE 26, 2010

On Saturday 26 June 2010 from 1300-1600 hours, the MCN VASO will be hosting the first annual "Dunk a Vet!" dunk booth at the Veterans' Building at the MCN tribal complex. This event will be \$5 for three throws and participants will have a chance to dunk MCN veterans from all branches of service including: Navy, Air Force, Army and Marines as well as various members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and the Principal Chief and Second Chief.

Snow cones and Cokes will be for sale and popcorn will be free and plenty of seating will be available for this event. All ages are welcome and everyone is encouraged to join us for this event.

For more information, contact Fannie Barnett at (918) 732-7744, Ken Davis (918) 732-7739 or Shawn Taryole at (918) 732-7745.

36th annual Muscogee Festival to feature Farmers' Market

Media Release

MCN Senior Services

OKMULGEE — The 2010 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival will include a Farmers Market.

We encourage all that are interested in selling their home-grown produce to contact the office of Tourism & Recreation to secure a space at no cost.

All chartered Creek Communities are encouraged to inform farmers in their areas and secure a space for them.

The 36th Annual Muscogee

(Creek) Nation Festival will be held June 24-27, 2010.

For more information, please contact:

Brian On-The-Hill
Project Specialist
Tourism & Recreation
(918) 732-7993

For more information on the 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, visit the Festival Events section of the MCN web site at: www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

DUNK A VET!

1300 - 1600
SATURDAY, 26 JUNE 2010

In honor of our Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's VASO invites you to exercise your throwing skills in the 1st Annual "Dunk A Vet!" at the Veterans' building, Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. This event will be \$5 for three throws and participants will have a chance to dunk MCN Veterans from all Service Branches as well as various members of our MCN National Council and our Principal Chief and Second Chief will also participate. Snow Cones and Cokes will be for sale and Popcorn will be Free. Ample seating will be available for this event. All ages welcome.

DUNKING SCHEDULE

1300 - 1330

1330 - 1400

1400 - 1430

1430 - 1500

1500 - 1530

1530 - 1600

U.S. NAVY
They're first because they're used to the water - Swabbies

U.S. AIR FORCE
Too much time in the air, Bring 'em down! - Flyboys

MCN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
We really shouldn't dunk them!!!

PRINCIPAL CHIEF & 2ND CHIEF
We really shouldn't dunk them!!!

U.S. ARMY
The largest Regiment in our tribe... Payback Time!!! - Grunts

U.S. MARINE CORPS
Naturally, the Best for the last. - Jarheads

For more info contact:
Fannie Barnett - 918-732-7744, Shawn Taryole - 918-732-7745 or Ken Davis - 918-732-7739

Spring Cultural Day 2010



MNN/Melodie Reader

The Spring 2010 Cultural Day featured stompdancers from Duck Creek Ceremonial Ground who were on site to give demonstrations to the area schools in attendance.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The MCN Office of Child Care offered activities geared toward expanding students' knowledge of traditional art, food and activities at the Spring Cultural Day event on May 6, 2010 located at the tribal complex in Okmulgee, Okla.

Approximately 100 students from area schools were bussed in for the event. Thompson "Gee-bon" Gouge opened the event with prayer and Newman Frank led the opening ceremony.

Concharty United Indian Methodist Church regaled those in attendance with Creek hymns. Students were also able to participate in a stompdance and received on-the-spot instruction from members of Duck Creek Ceremonial Ground.

School children gathered to watch the dancers, browse the demonstration booths and chow down on native foods such as fry bread. A bit of American Indian storytelling by renowned Will Hill (Mahenwah-dose), rounded out the afternoon as children sat in front of the stage, en-

thralled by the tales.

Following the storytelling by Hill, kids were able to learn how to play stickball. Throughout the event, food and demonstration booths were open for attendees to peruse and learn about their culture. Children lined up and showed interest at all the booths, learning different aspects of Native American culture and life.

Native flute, shell shakers, lye soap-making techniques, silver-smithing, loom weaving and fry bread preparation were all either displayed or demonstrated for the students.

Reenactors were also on-site to walk students through the replica of a camp during the pre-removal era. The camp had authentic weapons and skins with a tent, campfire and cooking equipment on display. By the end of the event, students were able to leave with a cultural knowledge and have a better understanding of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation people, history and culture.

"I have high blood pressure. Does my food have to be tasteless?"

Sharon Iverson, MS, RD, LD, CDE
Okemah Indian Health Clinic

OKEMAH — Your health care provider told you that you have high blood pressure and you need to lower your salt intake. You try to imagine eating your food without salt. The food is tasteless and bland. Sound familiar?

Lowering your salt intake is important. Sodium is the part of salt that affects blood pressure. Do you know that a whopping 77% of the sodium in your diet comes from processed foods? Other sources of sodium are salt added at the table, salt added during cooking and sodium that occurs naturally in foods.

A registered dietitian can help you to figure out how much sodium you consume daily. You can use this information to decide what to eat to lower the sodium in your diet.

The eating plan, Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH), is another way to lower blood pressure. The plan is heart healthy: low in cholesterol and saturated fat. The DASH diet increases nutrients that affect blood pressure: potassium, calcium and magnesium. These are the guidelines for the DASH diet.

- Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables daily. Fruits and vegetables provide potassium. Potassium and sodium work together to maintain water balance and normal blood pressure in the body.
- Eat whole grain breads and cereals. Whole grains provide magnesium.
- Have nuts and seeds in small amounts.
- Have skim or 1% milk, fat free yogurt or low fat cheese for the calcium.

The DASH diet is effective in reducing blood pressure in as little as two weeks. Fresh vegetables from your garden or a farmer's market are now in season. Get started on the DASH diet with some tasty veggies from the garden.

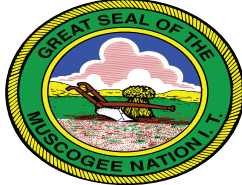


Losing 10 to 20 pounds and maintaining the weight loss will help reduce your blood pressure. You can follow the DASH diet to reduce your caloric intake.

Physical activity helps decrease blood pressure. Make regular physical activity a daily habit. If you are not exercising or if you have medical problems, talk to your doctor about what you can safely do. Most people can walk. Begin with short walks and increase the length of walks to 30 minutes daily, 60 minutes if you want to

lose weight. Increase the intensity of your walk from slow to moderate to a brisk fast as your fitness improves. If you can't walk, ask the MCN Diabetes Program about chair exercises.

The MCN clinics provide several services to help you make changes to reduce your blood pressure. Ask your health care provider for a referral to see a registered dietitian or the MCN Diabetes Program for chair exercises. If you have diabetes, you can get a blood pressure monitor when you attend hypertension class.

MOVIE NIGHT!


ATTN: UNITED STATES ARMY VETERANS

In Honor of Muscogee Veterans the VASO will be hosting

"MOVIE NIGHT"
Thursday, 10 June 2010

To Celebrate
The Birth Month Of The Army (14 June 1775)

- Showtime - 2100 Hrs. - 10 June 2010
- Location - Veterans Building (MCN Complex)
- Movie - **"THE BIG RED ONE"** (Lee Marvin, Mark Hamill and Robert Carradine)
- Drinks - Coke & Diet Coke (Free Of Charge)
- Chow - Popcorn (Free Of Charge)
- Smoking Lamp is Lit
- Price of Admission - Army Veterans must wear their MCN Veterans Vest (If you do not have a vest bring in your DD-214 to be measured for a MCN Veterans vest)
- Muscogee Army Veterans are allowed to bring one guest. (Please limit to only one guest) (Adults only)
- "MOVIE NIGHT" is for Muscogee Veterans only (Plus one guest)
- Any questions call Shawn Taryole at the MCN VASO (918) 732-7745



Program Spotlight: MCN Senior Services

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Senior Services hosted 'Senior Game Day' in coordination with the MCN Division of Health Diabetes Program as the finale to the 'Diabetes Walking Program.'

Seniors from many of the communities gathered from 9 a.m. - noon at the Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center, Friday, April 30, 2010 to participate in various activities geared toward staying healthy and fit.

"Senior Games' is an opportunity for elders to participate in fun sports and activities while preventing or managing their diabetes," said MCN Exercise Program Manager Kimberlee Little. "It is inspiring how much our elders understand the importance of and participate in physical activity. They are ensuring their health for life!"

Activities offered after a hearty breakfast at the event included a half mile walk, a basketball shoot-off, dart throw, jacks, horseshoes, ladder golf, ball throw, ring toss and bean bag toss (teams of four), which were

Marilyn Seestedt. Team Sports: Ladder Golf (teams of four): Wild Onions with Mary Jo, Bill, Jim and Pat; Coweta Hotstuff with Delouise, B.J., Margie and Linda and Nashoba with Rachel, Edna, Revennie and Bill.

While several events were cancelled due to inclement weather, the seniors were able to spend time together. However, Senior Services are not all just fun and games.

Programs offer assistance year-round to elders within their communities to help make everyday tasks easier to manage. Senior Services also coordinates regular activities with the MCN community centers so that elders may have an opportunity to leave their home and mingle with friends and family.

Assistance and activities MCN Senior Services offers include: 'Game Days' which are hosted by request at MCN community centers, lawn care service, rides to doctor appointments, cultural day trips to places such as Wolaroc and other educational trips and activities.



MNN/Melodie Reader

Rosie Ludlow of the Tulsa Language program tosses darts while MCN Exercise Program Manager William Fixico keeps score at the MCN Senior Services 'Game Day' which was held at the Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center on Friday, April 30, 2010.

"It is inspiring how much our elders understand the importance of and participate in physical activity. They are ensuring their health for life!"

— Kimberlee Little, MCN Exercise Programs Manager

organized by MCN Senior Services Manager Jackson Barnett.

First, second and third place T-shirts were awarded in each event for men and ladies. Winners in order from first, second and third in the game competition were: Men – Darts: Lewis McGertt, Jim Thomas, Bill Barnett; Horseshoes: Bill Barnett, Mitch Fisher, Tom Tiger; Women – Darts: Edna Degraffenreid, Rachel Hussman, Delouise Johnson; Jacks: Linda Tsadie, Rachel Hussman, Gertie Noble; Basketball Shootout: B.J. Hampton, Revennie Tiger, Matilda King; Ball Roll: Pat Factor, Frances Hicks,

Being a Navy vet from the Vietnam era, Barnett also shuttles Mvskoke veterans for trips and functions.

"I volunteer with Ken Davis, as a driver for them. I'm a vet, they're vets — I help them," said Barnett. "I take them on trips when they march in parades or represent the Nation."

"When I hear about something the seniors might be interested in, I plan it, arrange it and send out flyers to the 24 communities," said Barnett. "I say I'll take this trip on such and such date, line out the itinerary and ask for names. Sometimes, I get just

enough to fill up my vans, while at other times we are full and need to draw names out of a hat to see who gets to go."

MCN Senior Services are free to all MCN seniors within the jurisdictional boundaries and have been very popular since the program's inception. These services are available to all 24 MCN chartered communities which include Bristow, Checotah, Cromwell, Dewar, Duck Creek, Dustin, Eufaula, Glenpool, Hanna, Holdenville, Kellyville, Koweta, Morris, Muscogee, Okemah, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, Sapulpa, Tulsa, Twin

Hills, Weleetka, Wetumka, Wilson and Yardeka.

"I started in July 2004 and received our vans in April of the next year," said Barnett. "They had in my job description that I will provide cultural and educational activities for the seniors to encourage socialization and I really enjoy doing this. This program is very successful and the seniors all love it."

For more information on MCN Senior Services, please contact Barnett at (918) 732-7723 or by e-mail at jbarnett@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Lawn Program now accepting applicants

Media Release
MCN Senior Services

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Senior Services Program will again offer the lawn-cutting / tree-trimming service to Mvskoke senior citizens during the summer months.

The service is set up to help senior citizens, 55 years and older, who may be unable to do this type of work for themselves or who cannot pay for such work.

For more information on this program, please contact Jackson Barnett at (918) 732 - 7723.

Graduates

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Rev. Allan Colbert, Dean of Student Affairs led those assembled in the Creek Hymn, *Momis Komake Hvlwe Tvlofvn* and prayer.

"We stand in your presence on this special occasion to honor these graduates as hard work and persistence have brought them where they stand today. We honor those who come in support of each graduate; parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends," said Colbert. "We honor also those who have blessed us with time and patience in order for dreams to be fulfilled. We say *mvto* to this institution, the College of the Muscogee Nation, which has found its place among our Muscogee people."

College of the Muscogee Nation President Robert Bible gave the welcome and introductions, followed by CMN Board of Regents Chair Ramona Mason who gave the Regents' welcome.

"These graduates represent the classes of 2009 and 2010," said Bible. "Today's ceremony marks a significant event for our graduates in our college."

Bible then proceeded to recognize the graduates and their family and friends in attendance along with faculty, assistants and VIPs.

"It's a good day today and I want to say to you all who are here, welcome to *Mvskoke Etlwv Nakcokv Mvhahv Svhlwecvt*, College of the Muscogee Nation," said Mason. "Everyone in here has done something to help these graduates who sit here today in front of you. There's been a lot of work, a lot of sacrifice, a lot of time that they had to spend away from home and family, but look at them now. They look pretty good today. I'm proud of this class for being here and graduating."

Dr. James King then introduced Carrie L. Billy, President, American

Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) who gave the commencement address. "Dr. Carrie Billy is an enrolled member of the Navajo tribe and an attorney from Arizona," said King. "She is currently president and CEO for AIHEC which is made up of 36 tribal colleges and universities. In 1998 President Clinton appointed Ms. Billy as the

Native American Studies, gave the student response.

"Mvto, It's an honor to be asked to speak on behalf of the student body, I'll try to not take up too much time as I hear stomachs rumbling out there," laughed Skeeter. "I was fortunate when growing up that many of my old people were still living. One of the things they always said when they were always finished talking to you was 'don't forget,' or 'I'm not going to be here all the time to tell you this.' It is up to us as individuals to remember those things."

"We should not forget and carry on those things as best we can," continued Skeeter. "We should use what we've learned to do those things which are told to us, taught to us by our old people. The students you see before you today are here because someone took the time to tell them those kind of things and to teach them the things that they should know. They've honored their families by completing their schooling."

Dean of Academic Affairs Angela Bunner presented the candidates for graduation to President Bible then Bunner, Bible and members of the Board of Regents conferred the degrees and presented diplomas to the graduates.

CMN Board of Regents include Chair, Ramona Mason; Vice Chair, Dr. C. Blue Clark; Secretary, Sharon Mouss and Members Pandee Ramirez and Mike Flud.

Administration include President, Robert Bible; Regents' Director of Inst. Effect., Dr. James King; Dean of Academic Affairs, Angela Bunner; Dean of Student Affairs, Allan Colbert; Registrar, Crystal Bowles; Research/Fin. Spec., Dr. Jennifer McAlpin and Business Manager, Jan L. Hart.

For more information on the College of the Muscogee Nation, please call (918) 758-1480.



first Executive Director of the White House Initiative of Tribal Colleges and Universities."

"As I look into your eyes, I see joy, happiness, pride, but most of all I think I see relief that you are really graduating today and you're going to get out of this building," said Billy. "I know the road to reach this goal was not easy, and I really do congratulate you on what you have achieved thus far."

Billy then proceeded to challenge the graduates to make a difference in their communities and the world around them as they utilize the knowledge they have gained through their education. "This is my challenge to you. Do all that you can to ensure your children their place in this new world, continued Billy. "Make a commitment to lead, be an advocate for change. I urge to you to take up this challenge, make it your own, and live it every day."

After the commencement address, Zachary John Skeeter, A.A.,

School Clothing Program now accepting applications

Media Release
Social Services

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program 2010/2011, will be accepting applications for school clothing on Monday, May 3, 2010 until September 3, 2010 at 5 p.m. This program is open to all Muscogee Creek citizen students no matter where they live within in the U.S.

The guidelines of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program are as follows:

- Child must have been previously enrolled as a Creek Citizen before making application. You must submit copies of each child's Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Card, or a print out from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Office.
- The student must be at least three years old and enrolled in a certified Head Start (not a day care) or be four years old and enrolled in a public/private school Pre-K program and no higher than the 12th grade.
- All students (head start through 12th grade) must have a school official complete the School Enrollment Form that will be provided with the application.
- Home schooled children ages 5 to 18 are also eligible and must provide accredited curriculum OR original receipts of textbooks purchased and the signing of the Affidavit by the individual providing the education. The Affidavit will be provided with the application.
- The primary custodial parent or legal guardian must complete the application.
- Assistance is given on a

per-child basis, not per household. If you turned in receipts for 09-10 that were less than the amount you received, you may still be eligible to receive some assistance in increments of \$200 (Example: If you received \$400 and turned in receipts that only totaled \$350, participants will be eligible to receive \$200). Also, if you have another child just starting school, that child will not be affected by the reduced amount. The new child will be eligible for \$200.

Where can interested parties obtain an application? Applications may be picked up at the following locations:

- The School Clothing Program office, located behind the Social Services building at 2971 N. Wood Drive, Okmulgee, OK 74447.
- Any Creek Nation Child Development Center
- Any Creek Nation Indian Community Center
- You may download the application at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov
- Or call (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1(800) 482-1979 for an application to be mailed or faxed to you directly

All applications must be returned or mailed to: School Clothing Program, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not fax or e-mail the application to us. We must have original documentation submitted to process school clothing applications.

For more information, please contact the School Clothing Program at (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1 (800) 482-1979.



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FEATURES

SECTION B

May 15, 2010 Edition

National Council visits State Capitol

• Members met with Oklahoma Legislature



U.S. Congress/Courtesy

Pictured (top left to right): Kristie Sewell, Representative Dan Kirby, Representative Lisa Billy, Speaker Roger Barnett, Representative Jerry McPeak and Representative Skye McNeil. Pictured (bottom left to right): Robert Deere, ShaRee Edmondson, April Lindsey and Whitney Mayhew.

Media Release
MCN National Council

OKLAHOMA CITY — National Council Speaker, Roger Barnett and Staff Members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council visited the Oklahoma State Capitol on Thursday, April 22, 2010 where they met with Representatives Lisa Billy, Skye McNeil, Dan Kirby and Jerry McPeak.

The staff sat in the Oklahoma State Capitol gallery and observed the Oklahoma Legislature in action. The

staff was educated on the process of how legislation is brought forth and taken to the floor, which is similar to the National Council process. During the voting process, Representatives can freely move around and leave the gallery during the meeting. At the time of casting a vote, Sergeants moved around the gallery gathering Representatives to vote. Some Representatives walked to their design-

nated desk and pushed a button for a yay or nay vote and walked off; others gave a thumbs up or thumbs down sign. This process is very different from the National Council's formal meetings. According to ShaRee Edmondson, "The overall experience at the State Capitol was interesting and educational. The Staff and I are very thankful to all at the State Capitol for taking the time to meet with us."

Festival to feature Temptations, Houser and Coon for 2010

Media Release
MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — Save the date for a performance by one of the most successful acts to record for Motown. The Temptations will perform at the 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 9 p.m.

As always, the Festival promises two evenings of live entertainment from the Claude Cox Omniplex. Friday evening,

June 25, country star, Randy Houser launches the live entertainment for the 2010 Festival at 9 p.m. At 7 p.m., Jamie Coon, Seminole-Muscogee, promises a stimulating soul-pop performance to ready the stage and the crowd for the Temptations.

For a complete listing of times, events and contacts, visit the Festival section of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's official web site www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Deadline to nominate Living Legends set for May 26, 2010

Media Release
MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — The 36th Annual Creek Festival is seeking nominees for the Living Legends ceremony that will honor two tribal citizens who have devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek citizens. Several citizens have done great things and never have received recognition. This is an opportunity to honor them while they are living.

Two individuals will be selected by a committee from nominations. Nominees must be

a Creek citizen at least 55 years of age who has devoted many years to the betterment of the Creek people or MCN government in areas such as art, crafts, politics, education, and or ceremonial/religious leaders.



The committee will honor two recipients on Friday, June 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m., on the local stage at the Claude Cox Omniplex.

All nominees must be submitted by Wednesday, May 26, 2010 to the Office of the Principal Chief at: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, in order to be considered.

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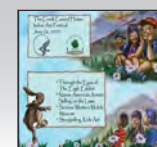
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And Still the Waters Run *Wavel Davis Ashbaugh:* *An Introduction*

George Windes
CMCA Historian

YORBA LINDA, Calif., — I've been sitting a while, trying to name a few people who lived to be a hundred or more. So far I've come up with: Bob Hope, George Burns, Irving Berlin, Rose Kennedy and from our Creek community, Martha Berryhill of Okmulgee.

But for now, I wish to introduce you to another centenarian who is about to join the names above. She's been a bit hidden from our view till recently. Her complete name is Wavel Louisa Davis Ashbaugh. Wavel was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma July 8 1910.

There were only 10,000 citizens in Tulsa then (up from 2,000 in 1900). The old Indian Territory had become Oklahoma just a few years earlier, the Dawes Commission had barely disbanded and the exciting new century was showing great promise.

Wavel Davis was born a Muscogee/Cherokee Indian to Oliver Edgar Davis and Addie Emma Perryman, both natives of Tulsa. Her bloodlines are like a textbook quiz concerning famous Creek and Cherokee families. Her grandparents were Samuel Davis and Louisa Partridge and Lewis Wesley Perryman and Clarissa Hodge, all natives of Tulsa. Other bloodlines will include such illustrious names as Yahola, Winslett, Burgess, Starr, Kowike, Rakko, and Ward.

The family home was on 11th Street, which was then known as the Oil Road. They lived just across the street from Wilson Junior High

School. Within a few blocks were huge homes built by her prominent kin. Tulsa's main boulevard was known as Hodge Street.

Wavel had the historic Perryman Family Cemetery pointed out to her often. Also, our famed 'Council Oak' wasn't any great distance — the same great burr oak which still stands to this day, identified and protected by the Muscogee

(Creek) Nation.

Two younger siblings came to the Davis home, Leona and Oliver, Jr. Soon the big question of schooling was being considered. Kindell Elementary became her first school.

Nazareth Academy came next, taught by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Muskogee, Okla. Third was Sacred Heart Academy in Rockford, where she attended through the seventh grade.

She then tried one semester at Chilocco Indian School in Lawrence, Kansas. She didn't care much for it though. It was co-ed, students rose at 5:30 a.m., and she discovered she was two years ahead academically. Her last school was the Monte Cassino School for Young Ladies, on 21st Street. Wavel's education would end then, as she left school for family responsibilities.

Being a history buff, I can't move on without briefly touching on the impact of her blood kin, in the creation and building of Tulsa. The first trading post was family-owned.

The Perryman and Hodge land

holdings were huge and their homes were almost mansions. They had immigrated with the first Creeks to come west (with their slaves), as followers of Chief William McIntosh.

Wavel mentioned her father was closely tuned to his Native culture. Oliver Davis spoke five languages, of which, three were Native. He died in Juneau, Alaska in 1948. Her mother, Addie Emma Perryman, passed on in 1983.

On November 20, 1941, Wavel married Marvin Ashbaugh, a New Orleans pianist, who played jazz and ragtime. He'd moved to Tulsa from Kansas to expand his musical horizons and worked in radio as a studio pianist, music director and sometimes announcer.

The young couple might have stayed in Tulsa forever, but

the bombing of Pearl Harbor was but days away and would change their lives forever. Marvin enlisted immediately. His occupation was listed as "Blacksmith, Band or Orchestra Leader or Musician." Uncle Sam would assign him to Fort Ord, Calif., in its entertainment segment. His pretty, young wife naturally followed him there.

While Marvin was entertaining the soldiers overseas, Wavel moved

with friends to Los Angeles to find employment, which was easy to do. She loved her new job and soon volunteered with other wives in the U.S.O.

At the end of the European segment of the war, Marvin was released to Los Angeles. The young couple thought about returning to Tulsa, but were encouraged to check out local opportunities. Marvin found a piano gig immediately, which would blossom into a full-blown career, lasting for the next 30 years. Los Angeles became their permanent home.

It would take a month of Sundays to report on every facet of Marvin's trade. He had numerous famed friends in the music industry. He became a well-recognized artist with the professional name of Marvin Ash. He

was a regular with Capital records, on KRKD Radio and KHJ television. In addition, he was employed with Walt Disney Studios and was an arranger/pianist for the Mickey Mouse Club Show. Marvin also worked at many hot local music and dance clubs, including the Hangover Club in Hollywood. He retired from Disney in the mid 1960s. He died in 1974, at age 59. His death announced by another Tulsa native-born son, Paul Harvey.

Wavel was pursuing her career all during this time, working for NBC studios. She loved dancing. Back in Tulsa, she'd dreamed of two different life roles, either as a nun or as a professional dancer. California was a perfect haven for that dancing choice.

Her husband's work allowed her to enjoy her quest. She must have cut quite a figure on the dance floors of L.A., during the 1940s through 1960s. Many grand trophies are seen in her home. Marvin and Wavel bought a pretty 'valley ranch' in 1951, so she also took an active interest in decorating and homemaking skills. It is still her residence today.

Wavel has always looked forward. It is the Native way — 36 years after the loss of her husband, she is still active, involved and enjoying each day. A number of beloved nieces are very closely bonded with their dear aunt. They all look forward to celebrating her special birthday, now on the near horizon. I trust I speak for all the MCN citizens in wishing her a wonderful day on July 8, 2010, as well.

I started this sketch by trying to name a few famed centenarians. As for pulling a final name from my memory bank, I finally cheated and researched Jeanne Calment of France. There is irrefutable evidence she lived to the age of 122.

Aunt Wavel, would you please dance right around her and win another trophy for us all? Mvto!

Windes has been an active member of the California Muscogee Creek Association for nearly

a decade and is currently serving on the Board as historian. He may be reached at: georgewindes@gmail.com



Photo courtesy of George Windes
Pictured above is Wavel Louisa Davis Ashbaugh who was born in 1910.



Photo courtesy of George Windes
Pictured from left are Wavel and siblings Oliver, Jr., and Leona Davis.



CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Springfield gospel singing set for Sunday, May 30

OKEMAH — On Sunday, May 30, Springfield United Methodist Church will host the annual memorial gospel singing. Concessions will be available and participants are asked to bring their own lawn chairs for the event. Singing will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, please contact Ethel Humble at (918) 623-1710.

P.R.I.D.E. Summer Camps

OKMULGEE — The Community Diabetes Prevention program of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will offer Summer Youth day camps that stress healthy lifestyles and diabetes prevention. The three-day camps include:

- Playing games to learn how to prevent diabetes
- Enjoying healthy foods and traditional Creek foods
- Team-building and physical challenges
- Water fun at Big Splash

These camps will be free to any American Indian youth 10-15 years of age. Campers must have a chart at one of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation clinics or have a CDIB card. Each camp will take the first 35 youth to sign up and priority will be given to first-time campers.

Call the Exercise Manager at the clinic nearest you to register your child for three days of summer fun and learning.

Okemah Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 12-14. Contact Irene Culley at (918) 636-8735.

Koweta Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 13-15. Contact Taylor Thompson at (918) 807-1561.

Eufaula Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 19-21. Contact Kimberlee Little at (918) 637-9684.

Okmulgee Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 20 - 22. Contact William Fixico at (918) 637-9683.

Sapulpa Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 27-29. Contact Duane Meadows at (918) 695-1325.

MFSI hosts Youth Night

OKMULGEE — Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative will host a Native Weapon-Making Workshop as part of the weekly 'Youth Night' activities Wednesday, May 19 and May 26, 2010 beginning at 6 p.m., each night.

Workshops will introduce youth to the craft of Native weapon-making used to create atlatl spears, bows and arrows and blow guns.

An open mic will also be available to share poetry and music. The Mobile Resource Unit will also be painted, so youth are asked to wear their work clothes.

Free food will be provided. For more information, please contact MFSI at (918) 756-5915.

Scott Family Reunion

EUFULA — The descendants of Samuel Scott and Nancy McIntosh Scott, Daniel Scott, John Scott, Benny Scott or Hepsey Scott Lewis will host the annual Scott Reunion June 5, 2010 at the Eufaula Indian Community Center/Skating Rink located at 702 Forest in Eufaula from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The skating rink will be available as well as horseshoes, volleyball and other activities.

Families are asked to bring a covered dish, salad, fruit or dessert. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m., and meat and drinks will be supplied.

For more information, please contact Helena Girod at (918) 451-1932 or via e-mail at hgirod@cinemareview.com

Higher Ed. Applications due June 1, 2010

OKMULGEE — Applications for the 10/11 academic year are now available on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation home web site under bulletins for new applicants at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Applications will be accepted through June 1, 2010.

For more information, please

contact Human Development at (918) 732-7695, (918) 732-7692, or (800) 482-1979.

Youth Art and Performances Memorial Day Event

MUSKOGEE — The Legacy Cultural Learning Community will host the second annual Youth Art and Performances Memorial Day Event on Monday, May 31 beginning at 10:30 a.m., at the Tiger Gallery located at 2110 E. Shawnee in Muskogee, Okla.

All talented youth are invited to perform in song, poetry, story telling, musical instrument, drawing, painting or sculpture for cash awards and prizes.

A special award of \$200 will also be given to a young person or group whose performance or art conveys 'strengthening our community' in recognition of the Wilma P. Mankiller tribute prize.

For more information, please contact Dana Tiger at (918) 822-7255.

Native American Craft Show and Gospel Singing

TULSA — Two Native Sisters will host a Native American craft show and gospel singing on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at the Tulsa Creek Indian Community Center located at 8611 S. Union in Tulsa, Okla.

Concessions will be available and all churches are invited to participate. Attendees are also asked to please bring their own lawn chairs.

Donations of dry and canned goods will also be accepted to help support the Hospitality Food Pantry. For more information, please contact Two Native Sisters at (918) 836-1997

Wacoche Family Reunion

MUSKOGEE — The 24th annual Wacoche Reunion will be May 29, 2010 from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., at Bacone College in Wacoche Hall.

Everyone is asked to please bring

a covered dish for the event as well as pictures to share. Donated door prizes will be accepted.

For more information, please contact Mona Wacoche at (918) 931-9893.

Alexander-Williams Family Reunion


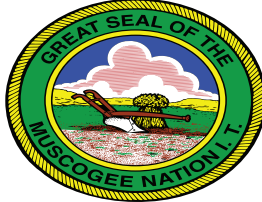
All descendants of Robert Alexander, Abbie, Clara, Rose, Mary, and Joney Williams, are invited to a family reunion Saturday, May 29, 2010, beginning at 12 p.m., at the old home place in Maud.

Signs will be posted. Each family is asked to bring a family-sized package of hamburger meat, wieners, buns, drinks and a dessert for a cook-out.

There will be volleyball, horse-shoes, sack races and other games. Also, family members are asked to bring old family photos and anything else you want to share with the family as well as lawn chairs.

For more information call Diane Nero at (405) 374-1982 or Abbie Larney at (405) 379-8187.

MOVIE NIGHT!




ATTENTION: MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CIVILIANS

In honor of our Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival and In Appreciation of Muscogee (Creek) Civilians Your Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veterans will be hosting

"MOVIE NIGHT"
(Friday, 25 June 2010)

ALL MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CIVILIANS

- Showtime - 2100 Hrs. - Friday, 25 June 2010
- Location - Veterans Building (MCN Complex)
- Movie - The 1953 classic **"WAR OF THE WORLDS"** (with Gene Barry & Ann Robinson)
- Drinks - Coke & Diet Coke (Free Of Charge)
 - Chow - Popcorn (Free Of Charge)
 - Smoking Lamp is Lit
- Price of Admission - FREE (Adults only)
- Any questions call Shawn Taryole at the MCN VASO (918) 732-7745



2010 MCN Festival schedule

Friday, June 4

7 p.m.
• Miss/ Jr. Miss Muscogee Nation Pageant—Henryetta High School Auditorium—1800 W. Troy Aikman Drive, in Henryetta

Saturday, June 12

11 a.m.
Muscogee Royalty Reception—Council House Museum—106 West 6th, Downtown, Okmulgee

Friday, June 18

6:30 p.m.
• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
• Arts and Crafts
• Food Vendors

Saturday, June 19

8 a.m.
• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
• Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gym—1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive
11 a.m.
• Arts and Crafts
• Food Vendors
7 p.m.
• Live Entertainment

Sunday, June 20

8 a.m.
• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

Thursday, June 24

1 p.m.
• Traditional Games —West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex
7:30 p.m.
• Stomp Dance—South of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex

Friday, June 25

8 a.m.
• Junior Olympics — Harmon Stadium — 601 E. 12th Street
• Senior Citizens' Activities — Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center

• Farmers' Market
8:30 a.m.
• Golf Tournament (Scramble)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course - Checotah
9 a.m.
• Traditional Games —West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex
10 a.m.
• Children's Fun Fair
5 p.m.
• Arts & Crafts
• Food Vendors
5:30 - 7 p.m.
• Living Legends
6:30 p.m.
• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
6:30 - 9 p.m.



• All-Indian Rodeo — Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
9 p.m.
• Live Entertainment - Randy Houser

Saturday, June 26

8 a.m.
• Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gymnasium - 1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive
• 5k Walk/Run
• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
• Horseshoe Tournament
• Children's Fun Fair
• Farmers' Market
8:30 a.m.
• Golf Tournament (Individual Qualification)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course
9 a.m.
• Volleyball Tournament
9 a.m. - 12 noon
• Child Safety Seat Check—Parking

Lot North Entrance MCN tribal complex

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
• Council House Indian Art Festival—106 West 6th, Downtown Okmulgee
10 a.m.
• Festival Parade—Main Street (6th Street), Okmulgee
• All-Indian Rodeo Slack—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
11 a.m.
• Arts & Crafts
• Food Vendors
2-6 p.m.
• Creek Hymn Singing and Gospel Singing—South of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex
3 p.m.
• Traditional Games — West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex
6-9 p.m.
• Rodeo Finals — Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
7 p.m.
• Live Entertainment — Jamie Coon
9 p.m.
• Live Entertainment — The Temptations

Sunday, June 27

8 a.m.
• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
• Farmers Market
• Children's Fun Fair
8:30 a.m.
• Golf Tournament (Championship) — Fountainhead Creek Golf Course - Checotah
11 a.m.
• Arts & Crafts
• Food Vendors
All events unless otherwise noted will take place at the Claude Cox Omnplex in Okmulgee, Okla. Shuttle parking will be available at Housing and east of the Mound Building. All events are subject to change.
For more information, contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732-7992.

Creek Council House Indian Art Festival calls for artists

Media Release

Creek Council House Museum

OKMULGEE — The Creek Council House Museum is excited about the upcoming Creek Council House Indian Art Festival to be held at the museum on Saturday, June 26, 2010. We are asking for all artists to come join us on this day to sell your artwork on the museum lawn.

The festival is proud to be a part of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival. This year will be an exciting change of events for us. We will be hosting the Through the Eyes of the Eagle exhibit in the museum. This exhibit consists of the original artwork from the four books in the series of the same name. The focus of the books is to teach children healthy lifestyle choices with an emphasis on the prevention of diabetes. There will also be a Festival of Eagles on the square surrounding the Council House. This will be a health fair, mainly for children, emphasizing the concepts taught in the exhibit.

Even though we will not have the juried art competition, we are inviting all artists to join with us and set up on the lawn. We will also have a children's art area set up on the lawn for kids to make a piece of art to take home. There will also be skits and other activities for children of all ages.

The Council House Indian Art Festival Committee wants to encourage all Native American artists who have quality art to have this opportunity to showcase and sell their work. To this end, booth space this year will again be offered free of charge. First time applications for space must be approved by the committee.

Please contact the museum at 918-756-2324 for vendor information and a registration packet. Our spaces are offered on a first-come, first-served basis; so please register early and no later than the deadline of June 04, 2010.



Muscogee Festival Parade to feature 'Indian Car' contest

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Parade will be held Saturday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m., in Okmulgee, Okla.

The Festival Committee is now accepting applications for the MCN Festival Parade. Participants may enter a float to advertise a company and MCN departments, communities, ceremonial grounds, churches and organizations are

also encouraged to enter. New to this year's parade will be an 'Indian' car competition.

All participation is free and the deadline for entry is June 18, 2010.

For more information, visit the Festival Event section on the MCN web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov for an application or contact Melinda Deeringwater at (918) 759-4172.

Basket weaving class is a winner



MNN/Melodie Reader

Pictured above are participants of Okmulgee Indian Community's basket-weaving classes which took place during April and May at the OIC Gift Shop.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Okmulgee Indian Community Gift Shop offers basket making classes every Tuesday from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. for those interested in traditional basketry. The OIC Gift Shop is located at 2850 S. Wood Drive (on South Hwy. 75) and also offers a beading class on Saturdays with Bill Harjo and Bethel Culberson. Award-winning basketry instructor, Mary Smith teaches the art of basket-weaving to approximately eight students weekly for the cost of \$9 per class. Smith recently won first place at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum Competition "Under the Oaks" in the Traditional Basketry category with a 'river cane quiver.' Smith is assisted by Sandy Wilson who won third place in



the Commercial Basketry category with a 'commercial cane creek sifter' and second place with a 'finger woven sash,' with assistance from Bertha Taylor who entered a 'cane card holder' in the competition and Esther Gee. Classes began in April and will run through the end of May. Students usually complete one basket per class and have time to begin a second basket before the end of class. Smith's teaching method is straightforward and hands-on, with guidance given as needed. Members of the class have progressed from single wall, to double wall baskets and seem to catch on quickly.

Basket weaver, Oma Holcomb doesn't miss a class and says she enjoys learning the lost art of basket weaving. "I really enjoy this," said Holcomb. "I wanted to learn this for quite some time and when I

found out the class was being offered, I signed up. It's very easy to learn and Mary is such a good teacher." Classmate and fellow basket weaver, Robert Lambertson agrees. "I'm taking this class, because it's something I can do that is not very strenuous to my health," said Lambertson. "I have made several baskets and work on it at home as well. I really like this." Basket weaving can be both a fun and relaxing activity with beautiful results. "The students are progressing rapidly and I think that they can perhaps start to enter competitions shortly," said Smith. "They need to start somewhere, so a local competition or the state fair would be a great opportunity to showcase their talent. The students are doing such a great job and I am so pleased with their results." For more information on cultural classes offered by OIC Gift Shop, please call (918) 752-0040 or (918) 759-8553.

Every day is Earth Day



MNN/Melodie Reader

At the ceremonial planting of the Yaupon Holly at the MCN Earth Day celebration on April 22, 2010 Mvskoke citizens sing traditional Creek hymns led by Second Chief Alfred Berryhill to commemorate the event. Pictured from left: David Dunson, Yarme Tarpalechee, Steven Long, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill and Dicey Barnett.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — April 22, 2010 marked the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. To commemorate this event, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, along with the Food and Fitness Planning Committee hosted a ceremonial Earth Day planting of the Yaupon Holly, which was planted to honor those who battle metabolic disorders and the health and fitness of all Mvskoke citizens.

"The leaves from this [tree] were used by our Mvskoke people in the Southeast in a drink, served in order of precedence to the men in the council and important visitors," said Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative Co-Director Ben Yahola.

The ceremony opened with a traditional greeting in Mvskoke by Ben Yahola, followed by a Creek hymn led by Second Chief Alfred Berryhill, David Dunson, Dicey Barnett, Yarme Tarpalechee and Steven Long who joined in song.

"There are many times on this earth that we get so consumed with what our profession is or what our re-

sponsibilities are that we forget about what the good Lord has provided for us," said Dunson. "In times we feel stress the Lord says walk out into the fields, walk down the road, just look at all the plants and the birds."

Dunson then read scripture, offered a brief prayer and Second Chief Berryhill read the proclamation on behalf of Principal Chief A.D. Ellis.

MFSI Co-Director Vicky Karhu thanked those who assisted with the gathering of trees and the committee members who helped bring about this event.

Yvette Wiley read her poem entitled "Trees" which celebrates the symbiotic relationship between the planet and humanity.

Yahola gave a brief history of the Yaupon Holly and its significance to the Mvskoke people and reminded those in attendance that every day is Earth Day.

Each community received one tree and a bag of mulch. For upcoming MFSI events and gardening questions, please call (918) 756-5915.

OBITUARIES

DORA MAE BIRDCREEK



WELEETKA — Funeral services for Dora Mae Birdcreek were held May 4, 2010 at the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Don Tiger officiating.

Ms. Birdcreek was born February 24, 19~31 in Wetumka to Henry and Jemima Yargee Scott and died April 30, 2010 at the age of 79 years old.

As a young girl, she attended the Pleasant Ridge School in Wetumka and the Eufaula Boarding School. She was baptized at the age of 15 on May 10, 1946 at Wetumka Indian Baptist Church by Rev. Kussie Harjo.

She met and married Eugene Birdcreek in 1953 and during this time, she transferred her name to the Arebeka Indian Baptist Church, where she was a member.

Ms. Birdcreek loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She had two favorite past times, working crossword puzzles and going to yard sales.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers: Billie James and Raymond Scott. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Eugene, of the home, two daughters: Sylvia Crawford and Joyce Harrison, Weleetka; three sons: Louis Scott, Tulsa; Stanley Birdcreek, Okmulgee; Marty Birdcreek, Weleetka. Also surviving are three daughter in laws and

one son-in-law. One brother, Phillip Scott, Oklahoma City; 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. One uncle, Turner Scott; two aunts: Lillie Harjo, Weleetka and Winey Yargee, Holdenville and her first cousins that she regarded as her brothers and sisters, as well as numerous other friends and relatives.

Internment was at Weleetka Hillcrest Cemetery.

THANK YOU

WELEETKA — The family of Dora Mae Birdcreek would like to thank our many relatives and friends for their help, love and support during the loss of our loved one.

We would like to thank Williamson-Spradlin Funeral Home, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Social Services, CN EMS, Weleetka Indian Comm. Center, A.D. Ellis, Roger Barnett, Lighthorseman Stanley Johnson, Rachel Sumka and The Ladies of Arbeka Indian Baptist Church for preparing the meal, Rev. Don Tiger and Rev Bill Hobia and Michael Bowers for his assistance. You will all be remembered in our prayers.

MVTO

The Family of Dora Mae Birdcreek

MAXEY DALE DUNN

HENRYETTA — Maxey Dale Dunn, a lifetime resident of the Henryetta - Dewar area was born October 23, 1958 in Claremore, Oklahoma. He passed away, Wednesday, April 28, 2010 in Henryetta at the age of 51.

Maxey grew up in Dewar and graduated from Dewar High School with the class of 1976. He attended the Silver Spring Baptist Church. Maxey enjoyed sporting events of all kinds and had a love of photography. He was employed by Creek Nation Casino in the Accounting Department.

He is preceded in death by his



mother, Irma Johnson, maternal grandparents, Jack and Leah Davis, an uncle Danny Davis, and an aunt Melvina Davis.

He is survived by: one daughter, Brandi Dunn of Henryetta, one son, Aaron Fox of Stillwater, one granddaughter, Rachel Dunn of Wilson Community, Father, Bill Dunn and wife Karen of Okmulgee, four brothers, Jodie Dunn and wife Stephanie of Dewar, Lance Johnson of Bixby, Thomas Dunn of Beggs, Billy Dunn of Okmulgee, two sisters, Eugenia Gaches and husband Jimmy of Schuler, Donna Dunn of Okmulgee, as well as nieces, nephews, a host of friends and other relatives.

Pallbearers were Gary Watson, Kevin Watson, Melvin Frenchman, Phillip Anderson, Casey McIntosh, Dennis Gooden and Stoney McIntosh. Honorary pallbearer was Julian Watson.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Dewar First Baptist Church with Rev. Dennis Bible and Rev. Jack Vance, officiating.

Interment was held in Silver Spring Cemetery under the direction of Integrity Funeral Service.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JOSHUA ROBERTS



NEW LIMA — Joshua Roberts a senior at New Lima High School received a Blue Ribbon Chevrolet Scholarship at the "4 Love of the Game, annual "Madness in March," Basketball Tournament in March, 2010. He was one of 5 individuals to receive scholarships through "4 Love of the Game."

Josh was ranked number 17 among the Class B Basketball Oklahoma Vype 2009-10 Preview and ended his career ranking second in steals and third in assists. He was named Little River Conference All Tournament and New Lima Tournament Champion at Seminole State College in December.

His team was named All-Tournament team at the Moss Invitational and in February, the Falcons won the Class B District Tournament. In the Area Playoffs the Falcons ended their season ranked fifth but held wins over 3A and 2A teams. Roberts has played basketball for four years at New Lima. He was also on the New Lima Baseball in 2008 and track team in 2007.

Roberts is the son of Sharon Yargee of Wetumka and George Factor. He is the grandson of Tarpie Yargee and Amy Yargee and great grandson of Winey Yargee. His paternal grandparents are Roy Roberts and Velma Coker.

Roberts is a member of the Sand Creek (Euchee) Ceremonial Ground and the grandson of the Alabama Ceremonial Ground. He belongs to Eco Clan.

BIRTHS

JOHN GREEN CHASTAIN



CLAREMORE — John Paul Green Chastain was born December 23, 2009 at the Claremore IHS. Parents Cimeron Chastain and Paul Green welcomed the 9lb. 2oz., and 20 inch bundle of joy along with his older sisters Makenzia and Makayla.

John Paul is the grand son of the late John and Diane Chastain and Ron and Loaine Green.

He is of the Katcv clan and the Tuskegee Tribal Town.

BIRTHDAYS

LILLIAN LEYBAS



MOUNDS — Lillian Leybas celebrated her second birthday on April 24, 2010.

She is the daughter of Daniel and Ashley Leybas. Siblings are Leah and Dylan. Grandparents are George and Tammy Johnson and Chuck and Rhonda Wewer and Daniel and Grete Holmgren. Her great grandparents are Bennie and Lillian Leybas.

She is of the Wind Clan.

IZAIAS RAMIREZ



OKLAHOMA CITY — Izaias Sky Ramirez celebrated his 8th birthday Jan. 21, 2010 at Chuck E. Cheese with his mom and friends.

He is very proud of his culture and enjoys hearing his grandma and grandpa sing Creek songs.

Ramirez is in the second grade at Deer Creek Elementary School. He is the son of Amanda Ramirez of OKC, grandson of David and Ellen Lena of Okemah and great grandson of the late beloved Josephine Morgan of Morris.

Ramirez attends the Peoples Church of OKC and enjoys playing outside with friends.

"You are a very special little boy and loved so much."

-Love Mom.

SADIE HARJO

GLENPOOL — Saddle Nanette Harjo recently celebrated her birthday with a Chuck E. Cheese party.

Harjo is the daughter of Tenetke and Necessitia Harjo. She has a big sister, Tysie Harjo, and two



little brothers, Tenetke and Nokuse Harjo.

She is the granddaughter of Mike and Sharon Proctor and Mike and Opal Harjo. Her great grandparents are Sam and Pauline Proctor and the Late George and Christen B. Harjo and the late Joe and Nettie Coachman and Josephine Harjo.

BRITTANI CANDIOTO



MOUNDS — Brittani Lynn Candioto recently celebrated a birthday in December.

She is the daughter of Connie Dearman and Allen Candioto. She has two siblings Brianna Candioto and Conner Thomas.

Candioto is the granddaughter of Walter and Mary Dearman and Denis and Carolyn Eddleman. Her great grandparents are the Late John and Julia Fish and the Late Joe and Wanita Candioto.

Candioto attends Mounds High School and is of the Bear Clan.

BRIDGETTE POSTOAK



TULSA — Bridgette Postoak celebrated her 24th birthday on April 5, 2010. She enjoyed her birthday with a camping party.

Postoak is the daughter of the late Amos Postoak and Monan Postoak. She has 10 siblings.

She is of the Beaver Clan.

Graduates to be featured in June mid-month MNN

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — All 2010 Muscogee (Creek) graduates will be featured in the June 15, 2010 edition of the *Muscogee Nation News*.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, June 11, 2010 by 5 p.m.

Please submit student's name, school, college or vocational institution, parents/grandparents, clan, church, activities and or tribal town along with current photo (will not be returned) to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications Department via e-mail at angele@muscogeenation-nsn.gov or send to:

MCN Communications
PO Box 580,
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Through the Eyes of the Eagle: Illustrating Healthy Living for Children

Media Release
Creek Council House Museum and
MCN Diabetes Program

OKMULGEE — In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Creek Council House Museum and the Muscogee Creek Nation presents original illustrations by Patrick Rolo (Bad River Band of Ojibwe, Wisconsin) and Lisa A. Field (Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, Black Bear Clan), in an exhibition featuring the original artwork used for the vibrant illustrations in the Eagle Books, a four-book series written by Georgia Perez, a community health representative who lives in Nambe Pueblo in New Mexico.

“Momma, what is diabetes?” A young Mvskoke boy wondered aloud to his mother who was busy cooking the evening meal. “Well, son, in Mvskoke we say it’s vsokalv ennokketv- sugar sickness or catv cympe – sweet blood. Your grandma, aunt and I have diabetes.”

She explained to him about this disease and how it affected her life. After listening he became very thoughtful and asked, “Will I get it, too?” His mother shared with him what she learned in

the Educating Partners In Care (EPIC) a Diabetes Self-Management and Education class she attended at the nearby MCN clinic.

His mother was happy to tell him how this disease can be prevented. He learned how his mother made changes in the type of food she bought, how she cooked and the reason she encouraged her family to eat healthy portions. Now he understood why she would not let them watch more than 60 minutes of TV or play computer games a day. He was glad his parents made time to walk, ride bikes, or do physical activities on a daily basis.

After talking with his mother, he thought, “With the help of my family, I can eat healthy food and play hard but when I grow up, will I still work hard to keep diabetes away?”

This may be a scene in many homes within the Mvskoke communities.

This is the good news — that diabetes can be prevented and, as we learn from the Eagle Books, we can look to

our elders and traditions for wisdom about living in a healthy way. In the book, *Through The Eyes of The Eagle*, Mr. Eagle tells Rain That Dances the following:

“Now as I fly around, I do not see the children playing moving around like the Old Wise Eagle used to see. Children are also eating foods that are not so good for them. That makes me sad. Many of your elders are sick now with a disease they call diabetes. And the young children will get it too unless they make changes in their lives.”

Mr. Eagle goes on later to tell Rain That Dances:

“You can let your people know that there are things they can do now. They can be healthy and will not have to get diabetes. Going back to some of their traditions, such as food their ancestors used to eat, becoming active once again, and passing those traditions on to their children are important”

Each Eagle Book gives hope messages about the importance families making changes to prevent diabetes

within their families.

The Eagle Books are a series of four books about wise animal characters, Mr. Eagle, Miss Rabbit and a clever trickster, Coyote, who together engage Rain That Dances and his young friends in the joy of physical activity, eating healthy foods and learning from their elders about health and diabetes prevention.

Organizers of the 2010 MCN Festival of Eagles event hope that the engaging, positive messages found in the books will encourage children and parents from the Creek Nation communities to make positive lifestyle changes.

The popular Eagle Books stories will come to life in Okmulgee, from June 26 to September 25, 2010, with a celebration of healthy living to help prevent diabetes in American Indians and Alaska Natives. The MCN 2010 Festival of Eagles event is sponsored by the Muscogee (Creek) Annual Festival, the Creek Council House Museum and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Diabetes Program, this event will kick off at the Creek Council House Museum on Sat-

urday, June 26, 2010, during the Creek Festival. The public Grand Opening of the original artwork of the *Through the Eyes of the Eagle* books and Creek Nation Festival of Eagles Health Fair is scheduled from 9 a.m., to 2 p.m.

The Festival of Eagles will be informative and fun,” said Gloria Moore, MCN Diabetes Program Family Therapist. “We know that children love the Eagle Books and so do adults. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend.”

All Festival of Eagles events are free of charge. Watch the Creek Nation News next month for complete details on all events during the health fair. More information is available from the Creek Council House Museum 918.756.2324. *Through the Eyes of the Eagle: Illustrating Healthy Living for Children* is organized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Diabetes Translation, Native Diabetes Wellness Program, and the Global Health Odyssey Museum.



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Beam of enlightenment

• College of the Muscogee Nation holds 'Topping Out' ceremony



MNN/Melodie Reader

Flags billowed in the wind as the final beam is placed by workers at the construction site of the new College of the Muscogee Nation on Monday, May 17, 2010.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The muddy ground and overcast skies did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd gathered to celebrate the 'Topping Out' ceremony at the construction site of the new College of the Muscogee Nation Monday, May 17, 2010.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens and non-citizens joined together under a white canopy for lunch as speakers welcomed those gathered at the ceremony.

College of the Muscogee Nation President, Robert Bible, welcomed the crowd to the historic event, fol-

lowed by a prayer and Creek hymn by Dean of Student Affairs Allan Colbert.

Don Beck, of Beck Design Tulsa, thanked the college and people of the tribe for their inspiration in the design process.

SEE BEAM - B6

Festival to feature mix of pop, country and groove for 2010

Media Release
MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Temptations will perform at the 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 9 p.m.

As always, the Festival promises two evenings of live entertainment at the Claude Cox Omniplex. Friday evening, June 25, country star, Randy Houser launches the live entertainment for the 2010 Festival at 9 p.m.

Randy is noted for his songs "Anything Goes" and "Boots On" as

well as his song-writing talents.

The MCN Festival entertainment continues to heat up into Saturday evening. At 7 p.m., Jamie Coon, Seminole-Muscogee, promises a stimulating soul-pop performance to ready the stage and the crowd for the Temptations.

Join the thousands of Festival attendees for two evenings of electrifying entertainment following the All-Indian Rodeo, which is reappearing after a two year absence thanks to the efforts of the Arrington-McSpadden Region 8 All-Indian Rodeo Association.

Band celebrates fifth year in festival parade

Lee Longhorn
"Pride of Muscogee Nation" Marching Band Director

OKMULGEE — The "Pride of Muscogee Nation" Marching band is still seeking applicants to participate and march in the annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation festival parade in downtown Okmulgee. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, at 10 a.m.

The band is under the direction of Lee Longhorn and Melinda Deeringwater.

Auxiliary, percussionists, and wind instruments of all ages are invited to participate and must have one year of marching experience and provide their own instrument.

For more information, please contact Melinda Deeringwater at (918) 759-4172 or Lee Longhorn at (918) 732-7743. Members will receive a T-shirt and payment for participating.

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From the Office of Principal Chief A.D. Ellis

A.D. Ellis
Principal Chief

OKMULGEE — Hello, To All Creek Readers!

In last month's paper, I touched on a variety of subjects and some people were not in agreement with the Chief. But it is no surprise these days because hardly anyone agrees with what I do, but I assure you that is what's good for the Nation.

I encouraged all citizens to contact

their National Council representatives to request assistance, if needed. This is Creek money and belongs to all Creek citizens. I believe if we are going to assist some citizens, which isn't right, we need to assist all Creek citizens. One citizen is just as important as another. Everyone has some kind of need.

With this short article I have enclosed

a list of Special Appropriations such as college tuitions. Don't we have thousands of college students who need help?

The following legislation (located on page A3) were pending vote on Saturday, May 22, 2010. Many have been referred to the Chief's office. I have no money and don't have control of the tribe's money; National Council (the legislative body)

appropriates the monies.

Their own guidelines for public assistance are in tribal law, NCA 10-032. Oddly enough, the law states the requirements can be waived by the National Council. Ask them to waive your requirements.

I'll discuss a different and controversial subject next month.

Mvto! Chief Ellis

District Court filings for March 2010

The District Court filings from March 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010 are as follows:

Ex-Parte:

Jessica Phillips v. Rodney Phillips Jr.	Ex-Parte
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Lanissa Melton v. Tina & Phillip Deo	Ex-Parte
Lanissa Melton v. Jennifer Jack	Ex-Parte
Lanissa Melton v. Elmer Jack Jr.	Ex-Parte
Lanissa Melton v. Dennis Gooden & Joann Pigeon	Ex-Parte
Angela & Darron Fullmore v. Joann Pigeon	Ex-Parte
Angela & Darron Fullmore v. Stacy Jack	Ex-Parte
Angela & Darron Fullmore v. Tina & Phillip Deo	Ex-Parte
Angela & Darron Fullmore v. Jennifer Jack	Ex-Parte
Angela & Darron Fullmore v. Elmer Jack Jr.	Ex-Parte
Jimmy Jack v. Stacy Jack	Ex-Parte
Jimmy Jack v. Jennifer Jack	Ex-Parte
Jimmy Jack v. Tina & Phillip Deo	Ex-Parte
Jimmy Jack v. Elmer Jack Jr.	Ex-Parte
Marilyn Dunson v. Kimberly West	Ex-Parte
Justina Jones v. Damon Koshiway	Ex-Parte

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MCN v. Linzee Custer	Ct. 1: Cheating by Check
MCN v. John Hall	Ct. 1: Malicious Mischief

Criminal Felony:

MCN v. Shirley Martin	Ct. 1: Cheating by Check
MCN v. John Hall	Ct. 1: Attempted Burglary
	Ct. 2: Malicious Injury
MCN v. Clifford Brown	Ct. 1: Possession of Illegal Drugs
MCN v. Eric Throne	Ct. 1: Possession of Illegal Drugs

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MCN v. Jacob Rucker	Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Shawn Moore	Ct. 1: Expired Tag
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From the Office of the National Council

Media Release
National Council

OKMULGEE — In a recent article in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation News, Principal Chief A.D. Ellis urged “all citizens that need financial assistance with medical bills, rental assistance, vehicle repairs, travel expenses, and other such needs to call your National Council Representatives and demand assistance.” Therefore, it has become necessary to provide a brief summary of the latest amendments to the Appropriation Law. Please note that the Law was enacted based on actual need for citizens, and only those who have established the basis for need will be considered, subject to the availability of funds.

In addition, the National Council requests that citizens pay close attention to the guidelines before you request assistance. Citizens should note that the guidelines require that requests should only be made on the basis of need, giving priority to needs for the purpose of preservation of maintenance of home/ and or life when such needs cannot be met by existing programs of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Citizens requesting assistance must have also applied for services through the Social Services Department or appropriate

department before asking for a special appropriation, and provide verification of any application for service. Any individual or organization may only receive funds under this appropriation once per fiscal year. All special appropriations will be considered on the availability of funds. The following are the categories with their requirements:

1. Health - for the purpose of procuring and providing medical treatment, medication, and transportation for medical purposes.

a. Individuals must have requested assistance through the Health Division and/or the Social Services Department and either have received assistance or been denied assistance before requesting an appropriation under this Section.

2. Welfare - for the purpose of assisting citizens for such needs as rent, utilities, emergency repairs.

a. Individuals must have a legitimate need for assistance and must have requested assistance through the Social Services Department or appropriate department and either have received assistance or been denied assistance before requesting an appropriation un-

der this Section. Individuals who have received assistance from the Nation within the past six months will not be considered priority.

3. Educational/Curricular – Requests for funding beyond the assistance provided by the Nation will require proof, and will further require self-funding by the individual/entity equal to no less than 50% of the stated need. School curricular and extra-curricular activities and athletics will be considered under this subsection. Funds received from the Nation through any other grant or assistance program shall not be considered in the self-funding requirement.

4. Sports/Ball teams/Hobbies – Requests for organized sports/ball teams or hobbies that are not part of school curricular or activity may receive funding up to \$500.00 per organization per year. Individual requests will be based on need up to \$250.00 per year. Such funding shall receive the lowest level of priority, and will be funded based upon a first come, first served basis, after the more highly prioritized needs are met.

5. Burial Assistance – Requests for Burial Assistance may only receive

funding if the individual does not qualify under Burial Assistance for the tribe. Appropriations will not be made above the full assistance from the tribe and BIA unless there are special circumstances. Such circumstances will be determined by the proper Standing Committee.

In addition, to start the legislation process, a Representative will have to sponsor the legislation. Requests are not guaranteed until legislation is enacted. Special appropriations have routinely been vetoed by the Principal Chief; therefore, citizens should contact the Principal Chief beforehand for his support in order to circumvent a veto. You may also request the Principal Chief send over legislation on your behalf to assist your needs.

Rep. Travis Scott, the sponsor of the amendments to the Appropriations Law, stated: “I sponsored this legislation to limit the appropriations and address unnecessary spending; however, this was with the full intent to also still help Citizens (within the guidelines) that are actually in need and have exhausted all other options.”



Letter from MNN Editor:

Estonko readers!

I’m glad to say I officially have a tan (or burn) after the holiday weekend. I hope everyone got a chance to lounge a bit by some sort of water and eat hot-dogs, too. I still need to visit my grandma, grandpa and uncles at the family cemetery.

So many of my family members served this country and it’s good to remember thier service and all that was sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy each day.

I have an American flag waving just outside my front door at home and I love to curl up in bed and watch it through my bedroom window. Even though I see it every day, I should really take a moment to let it remind me of what it stands for and to think about those that sacrificed much so that I can enjoy, for example, freedom of speech, among so many other things.

I think those first-graders were on to something with starting off the day with the pledge of alligiance. Maybe the Muscogeese should have our own pledge as well?

Later this month, everyone will be gearing up for Festival 2010, which is looking to be quite the celebration this year. Personally, I can’t wait to dunk a few folks at the Veterans’ booth.

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PENDING				
NCA 10-099	Pending	Mvskoke Food Sovereignty – Youth Run	\$ 3,000.00	Anderson, Terrie
NCA 10-066	VETO	Bristow School – Metal Fences & Scoreboard	\$ 2,000.00	Barnett, Roger
NCA 10-101	Pending	Elder – Wheelchair	\$ 768.88	Barnett, Roger
NCA 10-093	Pending	University of Oklahoma Student – College Tuition	\$ 6,530.77	Barnett, Roger
NCA 10-083	VETO	Checotah Indian Community – Reimbursement	\$ 418,305.51	Jayne-Dornan, Selina
NCA 10-096	Pending	Native Praise Choir – Conference in Hawaii	\$ 5,000.00	Jayne-Dornan, Selina
NCA 10-102	Pending	Duck Creek Community – 2010 Budget	\$ 176,995.00	Jayne-Dornan, Selina
NCA 10-074	Pending	MCN Chartered Communities – Internet Service	\$ 7,467.60	Jennings, James
NCA 10-088	Pending	Pastorial Care Student – Puerto Rico Class	\$ 1,625.00	Jennings, James
NCA 10-087	Pending	Dewar School Club – Competition Trip	\$ 3,192.50	Thomas, Pearl
NCA 10-086	Pending	Unpaid funeral expenses	\$ 820.00	Yahola, Thomas
NCA 10-098	Pending	Student – Conference Washington, D.C.	\$ 1,209.15	Yahola, Thomas
MAY 2010 – SESSION			\$ 623,914.41	

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FY 2010 second quarter financial report

	RECEIPTS	BUDGETS	ENCUMBERED	EXPENDED	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND:					
MCN LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	\$3,881.20	1,409,649.36	0.00	0.00	1,409,649.36
TRIBAL TRADE & COMMERCE	\$106,836.59	6,694.00	0.00	6,694.00	0.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOP/LAND	\$7,633,930.25	3,566,471.67	2,097,445.67	256,483.87	1,212,542.13
TREASURY	\$1,219,197.88	1,028.79	0.00	-3,115.00	4,143.79
ANGEL TREE	\$3,250.00	0.00	0.00	1,606.68	-1,606.68
PRIVATE DONATIONS	\$12,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	3,596.03	3,403.97
LITIGATION & LOBBYING	\$617.91	34,902.62	0.00	0.00	34,902.62
GENERAL TAXES & LICENSES	\$2,222,156.61	2,890,212.57	18,316.32	678,679.76	2,193,216.49
MOTOR FUEL TAXES	\$550,430.40	4,150,894.00	114,284.13	1,893,503.50	2,143,106.37
COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING	\$86,021.13	82,795.63	2,200.70	45,467.27	35,127.66
GAMING REVOLVING	\$419,009.33	495,834.00	94,037.05	70,301.92	331,495.03
CN FESTIVAL	\$243,817.00	240,000.00	6,337.01	61,911.42	171,751.57
CONSUMER LOANS	\$69,439.00	69,439.00	0.00	25,273.33	44,165.67
CREEK NATION GAMING	\$41,425,237.65	40,416,143.64	1,344,302.74	14,874,794.84	24,197,046.06
CULTURAL PRESERVATION	\$34,446.79	26,950.00	6,748.23	11,415.52	8,786.25
MCN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	\$224.24	11,004.26	2,139.96	2,115.50	6,748.80
TRIBAL BUDGET	\$400,785.11	557,000.00	0.00	344,742.66	212,257.34
MCN FLAGS & ETC	\$469.77	2,823.00	0.00	0.00	2,823.00
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$1,546,866.33	1,725,063.00	32,100.57	756,258.47	936,703.96
HEALTH EDUCATION/TOBACCO	\$25,089.38	32,974.00	0.00	16,495.97	16,478.03
72 HOUR CONTRACT HEALTH	\$3,698,587.77	3,613,315.00	0.00	1,593,488.27	2,019,826.73
LIGHTHORSE PROGRAM INCOME	\$2,747.03	28,321.00	0.00	0.00	28,321.00
LIGHTHORSE FORFEIT/SEIZURE	\$5,713.81	7,890.00	0.00	0.00	7,890.00
CN PERMANENT FUND	\$4,755,187.17	1,683,162.75	7,196.48	1,165,312.94	510,653.33
TOM JOHNSON	\$55,226.34	0.00	0.00	20.00	-20.00
BANK ONE CONSOLIDATION	\$33,465.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MERRILL LYNCH	\$8,882,682.33	0.00	0.00	431,162.06	-431,162.06
TOTAL GENERAL FUND:	\$73,437,316.87	61,059,568.29	3,725,108.86	22,236,209.01	35,098,250.42
HOUSING & URBAN DEV:					
HUD-NAHASDA '03	\$14,003.80	53,550.94	0.00	41,456.12	12,094.82
HUD-NAHASDA '04	\$188,494.20	70,134.38	0.00	70,134.38	0.00
HUD-NAHASDA '05	\$92,960.65	140,862.34	32,351.89	102,839.09	5,671.36
HUD-NAHASDA '06	\$416,767.11	882,751.27	263,244.25	465,063.80	154,443.22
HUD-MULTIPURPOSE BLDG	\$259,706.24	768,348.24	429,570.14	335,143.08	3,635.02
HUD-NAHASDA '07	\$326,504.02	4,771,308.56	1,614,686.36	1,386,726.74	1,769,895.46
HUD-TRIBAL COLLEGE BLDG	\$94,665.35	795,880.35	370,088.90	422,467.83	3,323.62
HUD-NAHASDA '08	\$6,189,611.65	7,409,532.61	267,605.06	3,233,678.90	3,908,248.65
HUD-IHP STIMULUS	\$551,244.48	2,523,143.48	1,104,008.90	783,736.09	635,398.49
HUD-NAHASDA '09	\$11,303,772.30	14,404,299.00	2,938,598.75	2,162,661.53	9,303,038.72
HUD-IHP STIMULUS	\$1,774.00	5,000,000.00	240,384.50	1,773.75	4,757,841.75
HUD-RURAL HOUSING & ECO DEV	\$0.00	300,000.00	0.00	0.00	300,000.00
TOTAL HUD:	\$19,439,503.80	37,119,811.17	7,260,538.75	9,005,681.31	20,853,591.11
DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SVC:					
LIHEAP '10	\$198,941.00	478,438.00	3,852.33	209,562.16	265,023.51
TANF '10	\$0.00	1,156,394.00	9,656.84	302,107.78	844,629.38
CHILD SUPPORT	\$321,561.00	804,429.00	101,363.09	424,868.21	278,197.70
CCDBG DISCRETIONARY '10	\$162,643.54	1,392,253.00	9,775.27	219,209.80	1,163,267.93
CCDBG MANDATORY '10	\$129,850.00	2,520,581.00	39,661.41	197,979.94	2,282,939.65
HEAD START '10	\$532,533.00	1,359,929.00	60,295.79	651,307.31	648,325.90
TITLE IV-B '10	\$0.00	220,091.00	0.00	0.00	220,091.00
SAMHSA-TCE '10	\$14,891.71	250,000.00	30,899.56	15,365.15	203,735.29
SAMHSA-CMHI '10	\$256,591.47	1,000,000.00	86,649.31	356,151.54	557,199.15
SAMHSA-HIV	\$28,705.00	450,000.00	16,300.24	44,986.56	388,713.20
PHS-CDC	\$10,656.00	250,000.00	7,901.22	15,613.44	226,485.34
CVD	\$123,074.42	397,100.00	2,975.56	163,558.06	230,566.38
TANF '08	\$108,852.11	826,063.00	0.00	124,735.11	701,327.89
CCDBG-DISCRETIONARY '08	\$61,950.60	101,767.21	25,687.85	66,433.58	9,645.78
CCDBG-MANDATORY '08	\$156,891.45	272,241.63	11,727.70	173,827.06	86,686.87
LIHEAP '09	\$25,645.53	44,137.40	6,047.65	30,823.65	7,266.10
TANF '09	\$55,769.30	1,686,556.28	4,351.67	11,210.68	1,670,993.93
FAMILY PRESERVATION '09	\$131,960.51	442,664.08	20,536.40	157,936.75	264,190.93
CCDBG-DISCRETIONARY '09	\$472,615.85	639,700.14	2,225.77	503,102.22	134,372.15
CCDBG-MANDATORY '09	\$525,339.58	1,135,452.97	22,842.04	548,290.46	564,320.47

CCDBG STIMULUS	\$0.00	1,679,872.00	0.00	0.00	1,679,872.00
HEADSTART '09	\$613,056.99	705,833.37	37,595.00	615,483.05	52,755.32
HEADSTART STIMULUS	\$37,228.00	147,868.00	52,193.91	35,483.21	60,190.88
TITLE IV-B '09	\$76,997.14	224,360.50	637.65	92,630.93	131,091.92
FAMILY VIOLENCE '09	\$113,637.66	231,752.44	5,039.65	132,730.41	93,982.38
ELDERLY NUTRITION '09	\$40,156.85	0.00	16,707.63	43,668.30	-60,375.93
AOA-NAC '09	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	26,942.49	-26,942.49
PHS-CDC '09	\$99,504.81	0.00	0.00	110,540.92	-110,540.92
AOA-NSI '09	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	741.73	-741.73
SPECIAL DIABETES '09	\$539,549.61	1,635,803.00	31,960.44	728,454.71	875,387.85
DIABETES CARDIVASCULAR '09	\$36,799.46	0.00	0.00	75.03	-75.03
MITC GRANT	\$42,500.00	0.00	0.00	225.03	-225.03
TOTAL DHHS:	\$4,917,902.59	20,053,287.02	606,883.98	6,004,045.27	13,442,357.77
DEPT OF AGRICULTURE:					
FOOD DISTRIBUTION '10	\$207,020.00	683,754.00	7,523.75	260,306.27	415,923.98
WIC-BREAST PEER COUNSELOR	\$0.00	57,151.00	0.00	0.00	57,151.00
WIC'10	\$928,493.00	2,709,156.00	30,387.95	1,001,223.53	1,677,544.52
FOOD DISTRIBUTION STIMULUS	\$27,044.00	28,197.20	0.00	27,043.60	1,153.60
TOTAL USDA:	\$1,162,557.00	3,478,258.20	37,911.70	1,288,573.40	2,151,773.10
PROGRAM INCOME:					
PROCEEDS OF SALE	\$37,199.72	1,718,113.47	172,984.49	702,591.06	842,537.92
PERFORMANCE MGMT 3RD PARTY	\$71,132.30	2,203,398.00	200,514.26	877,560.64	1,125,323.10
OKEMAH HOSPITAL 3RD PARTY	\$1,643,874.80	5,667,771.00	611,459.43	970,879.23	4,085,432.34
OKEMAH CLINIC 3RD PARTY	\$286,045.35	0.00	0.00	395,686.62	-395,686.62
OKMULGEE CLINIC 3RD PARTY	\$227,886.82	1,468,928.00	144,370.06	962,593.41	361,964.53
EUFAULA CLINIC 3RD PARTY	\$128,283.73	1,020,166.00	94,169.85	300,431.77	625,564.38
SAPULPA CLINIC 3RD PARTY	\$249,926.08	1,974,412.00	93,993.12	641,851.01	1,238,567.87
KOWETA CLINIC 3RD PARTY	\$116,595.52	2,119,637.00	238,024.24	435,874.39	1,445,738.37
ELDERLY NUTRITION	\$75.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$6,954.05	193,447.00	1,981.53	25,207.35	166,258.12
MEDICAL SERVICES 3RD PARTY	\$4,793.15	301,781.00	239.25	48,786.78	252,754.97
JOHNSON O'MALLEY	\$527.44	7,150.00	0.00	0.00	7,150.00
HOUSING	\$895,027.39	1,245,708.96	29,578.09	285,216.34	930,914.53
HA EMERGENCY REHAB	\$129,697.03	112,959.01	0.00	0.00	112,959.01
MCN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CTR	\$333,327.81	1,195,405.00	1,749.20	293,857.64	899,798.16
TRANSIT	\$11,970.00	26,161.00	0.00	5,000.00	21,161.00
EUFAULA DORM USDA REIM.	\$16,892.28	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
CHILD CARE USDA REIM.	\$11,394.94	2,195.32	9,600.00	0.00	-7,404.68
HEAD START USDA REIMB	\$106,609.32	240,777.62	57,282.76	54,615.16	128,879.70
EUFAULA DORM ACTIVITY FUND	\$16,792.17	103,500.00	1,808.20	11,004.25	90,687.55
TRANSPORTATION IMPROV.	\$1,807.06	0.00	15,030.00	0.00	-15,030.00
ELECTION BOARD	\$1,830.77	25,000.00	0.00	41,092.36	-16,092.36
CITIZENSHIP BOARD	\$9,687.62	13,200.00	11,084.68	0.00	2,115.32
FOOD DISTRIBUTION	\$985.58	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS	\$152,569.79	1,000,000.00	38,163.35	2,500.00	959,336.65
TOTAL PROGRAM INCOME:	\$4,461,885.72	20,662,710.38	1,722,032.51	6,054,748.01	12,885,929.86
DEPT OF EDUCATION:					
VOCATIONAL REHAB	\$191,313.53	536,831.00	12,486.34	217,005.25	307,339.41
TOTAL DEPT OF EDUCATION:	\$191,313.53	536,831.00	12,486.34	217,005.25	307,339.41
DEPT OF INTERIOR:					
JOM EARLY CHILDHOOD '10	\$0.00	9,530.00	938.56	619.49	7,971.95
JOHNSON O'MALLEY '10	\$0.00	765,062.00	0.00	0.00	765,062.00
SELF-GOVERNANCE COMPACT	\$7,330,843.00	38,831,865.67	3,527,069.47	3,093,134.77	32,211,661.43
SUMMIT SOUTH ROAD	\$19,384.73	19,385.65	19,041.73	0.00	343.92
ARBEKA ROAD	\$109,417.36	109,417.36	0.00	0.00	109,417.36
EUFAULA DORM '05	\$0.00	126,008.94	2,000.00	8,303.20	115,705.74
JOHNSON O'MALLEY '06	\$0.00	66,388.71	1,053.50	0.00	65,335.21
ENERGEY & ECONOMIC DEV.	\$7,785.53	14,855.91	4,925.00	8,763.66	1,167.25
EUFAULA DORM '06	\$0.00	234,690.93	4,003.97	625.34	230,061.62
EUFAULA DORM '07	\$0.00	122,943.16	21,734.28	31,943.09	69,265.79
EUFAULA DORM '08	\$0.00	1,585,158.23	91,324.64	605,049.51	888,784.08
JOM EARLY CHILDHOOD '09	\$0.00	4,459.24	0.00	4,054.20	405.04
JOHNSON O'MALLEY '09	\$0.00	560,123.43	0.00	233,135.72	326,987.71
WIA '09	\$95,929.30	1,011,355.97	8,362.16	506,570.50	496,423.31
WIA STIMULUS	\$0.00	195,615.48	0.00	193,839.95	1,775.53
EUFAULA DORM '09	\$880,644.00	1,615,695.00	68,177.60	234,668.49	1,312,848.91
KELLYVILLE PROJECT	\$435,831.51	435,812.49	0.00	20,650.00	415,162.49
TOTAL DEPT OF INTERIOR:	\$8,879,835.43	45,708,368.17	3,748,630.91	4,941,357.92	37,018,379.34
DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION:					
DOT TRANSIT '10	\$0.00	225,000.00	0.00	0.00	225,000.00
DOT TRANSIT '07	\$225,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,906.62	-2,906.62

DOT TRANSIT '09	\$30,488.23	194,511.77	11,799.06	43,261.17	139,451.54
TOTAL DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$255,488.23	419,511.77	11,799.06	46,167.79	361,544.92
DEPT OF JUSTICE:					
SMART (ADAM WALSH)	\$0.00	88,874.00	0.00	0.00	88,874.00
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL	\$0.00	65,000.00	2,400.00	0.00	62,600.00
STOP VIOLENCE '08	\$48,248.08	411,727.58	15,723.72	54,306.47	341,697.39
TRIBAL RESOURCES (COPS)	\$1,941.90	1,941.90	0.00	1,941.90	0.00
UNIVERSAL HIRING PROGRAM	\$30,653.83	193,541.53	0.00	34,623.45	158,918.08
TRIBAL RESOURCES (COPS) TOTAL	\$255,160.00	399,999.98	4,201.79	258,816.31	136,981.88
DEPT OF JUSTICE:	\$336,003.81	1,161,084.99	22,325.51	349,688.13	789,071.35
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:					
GAP	\$25,941.60	182,671.03	2,500.00	32,757.48	147,413.55
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL	\$7,477.51	61,942.41	1,296.59	42,316.00	18,329.82
TOTAL EPA:	\$33,419.11	244,613.44	3,796.59	75,073.48	165,743.37
CAPITAL PROJECT:					
TELECOMMUNICATION BLDG	\$0.00	422,841.35	418,505.84	0.00	4,335.51
MULTI PURPOSE BLDG	\$0.00	2,589,262.04	1,284,614.25	537,850.68	766,797.11
TRIBAL CONSTRUCTION BLDG	\$0.00	2,282,138.01	661,041.03	410,246.72	1,210,850.26
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT:	\$0.00	5,294,241.40	2,364,161.12	948,097.40	1,981,982.88
ENTERPRISE FUND:					
MUSKOGEE OFFICE BLDG	\$296,649.71	171,600.00	13,722.49	160,972.87	-3,095.36
MUSKOGEE OFFICE BLDG RESERVE	\$9,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FOUNTAINHEAD	\$0.00	15,258.83	736.58	3,000.42	11,521.83
IHS OFFICE BUILDING	\$27,582.87	18,739.00	0.00	1,456.77	17,282.23
INDUSTRIAL PARK	\$0.00	285,266.35	39,479.00	0.00	245,787.35
HIS STIMULUS	\$0.00	1,000,000.00	649,000.00	0.00	351,000.00
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES	\$40,016,900.65	42,657,750.00	3,104,841.64	18,806,477.46	20,746,430.90
HANNA FARM PROJECT	\$137,669.02	157,899.15	6,259.02	57,262.18	94,377.95
TOURISM & RECREATION	\$667,357.00	666,922.00	9,598.12	199,561.55	457,762.33
ROADS EQUIPMENT POOL	\$2,114.51	346,137.00	28,642.78	55,709.91	261,784.31
FARM OPERATIONS	\$284,114.26	318,587.00	19,889.44	119,589.91	179,107.65
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND:	\$41,441,588.02	45,638,159.33	3,872,169.07	19,404,031.07	22,361,959.19
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND:					
ROAD FORCE ACCOUNT	\$0.00	1,497,982.00	12,680.25	234,403.10	1,250,898.65
NAHASDA FORCE ACCOUNT	\$227,940.84	1,638,892.00	151,621.62	345,274.90	1,141,995.48
NAHASDA MAINTENANCE	\$46,456.08	130,168.00	4,937.56	44,247.30	80,983.14
TRIBAL- REAL PROP & FAC.	\$2,271,276.11	2,400,312.00	73,167.79	1,077,347.46	1,249,796.75
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$3,934,665.78	5,129,035.44	4,024,030.43	636,702.69	468,302.32
SELF-INSURED HLTH FUND	\$6,655,823.21	0.00	0.00	8,004,621.04	-8,004,621.04
INDIRECT COST	\$4,146,993.61	10,746,080.00	176,936.22	4,049,854.86	6,519,288.92
TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE FUND:	\$17,283,155.63	21,542,469.44	4,443,373.87	14,392,451.35	2,706,644.22
TOTALS	171,839,969.74	259,906,811.21	26,128,098.18	84,425,278.71	149,353,434.3



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP)
OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF) Case No. GD-2010-08
E.L.J.,)
Minor Child.) Judge Patrick Moore

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Unknown Father

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for guardianship in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. GD-2010-08, styled In re the Matter of the Guardianship of the Person and Estate of E.L.J., a minor child. The action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled to guardianship over the minor child based on abandonment.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioner and appear at the hearing on the 15th day of July, 2010 at 10 o'clock A.m. at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Mound Building, Hwy 75 and 56 Loop, Okmulgee, OK or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of May, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

By: Shawn McLennan
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the marriage of GONZALEZ:)
TIFFANY L. TEDFORD-GONZALEZ,)
Petitioner,) Case No. DV 2010-32
vs.) Before Patrick E. Moore
ANTOLIN GONZALEZ,) Judge of the District Court
Respondent.)

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

To: Antolin Gonzalez

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. DV 2010-32, styled *In re the Marriage of GONZALEZ, Tiffany L. Tedford-Gonzalez, Petitioner and Antolin Gonzalez, Respondent*. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage* from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner on or before the 22nd day of June, 2010, at 2 o'clock P.m., or appear at the hearing at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of May, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

By: Shawn McLennan
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

School Clothing Program now accepting applications

Media Release Social Services

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program 2010/2011, will be accepting applications through until September 3, 2010 at 5 p.m.

This program is open to all Muscogee citizen students no matter where they live within in the U.S. This program does operate with specific guidelines, which are available by contacting Muscogee (Creek) Nation Social Services.

Assistance is given on a per-child basis, not per household and home schooled children are also eligible for participation.

Applications may be picked up at the following locations:

- The School Clothing Program office, located behind the Social Services building at 2971 N. Wood Drive, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

- Any Creek Nation Child Development Center

- Any Creek Nation Indian Community Center

- You may download the application at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

- Or call (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1(800) 482-1979 for an application to be mailed or faxed to you directly

All applications must be returned or mailed to: School Clothing Program, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not fax or e-mail the application to us. We must have original documentation submitted to process school clothing applications.

For more information, please contact the School Clothing Program at (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1 (800) 482-1979.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:)
T.H.; DOB: 11-30-99) Case No. JV-2010-01
K.H.; DOB: 03-23-01)
M.H.; DOB: 05-20-08)
Alleged Deprived Children)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Unknown Father, Father M.H.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 10TH day of August, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

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JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

DUNK A VET!



**1300 - 1600
SATURDAY, 26 JUNE 2010**

In honor of our Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's VASO invites you to exercise your throwing skills in the 1st Annual "Dunk A Vet!" at the Veterans' building, Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. This event will be \$5 for three throws and participants will have a chance to dunk MCN Veterans from all Service Branches as well as various members of our MCN National Council and our Principal Chief and Second Chief will also participate. Snow Cones and Cokes will be for sale and Popcorn will be Free. Ample seating will be available for this event. All ages welcome.

DUNKING SCHEDULE

1300 - 1330	U.S. NAVY They're first because they're used to the water - Swabbies
1330 - 1400	U.S. AIR FORCE Too much time in the air, Bring 'em down! - Flyboys
1400 - 1430	MCN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS We really shouldn't dunk them!!!
1430 - 1500	PRINCIPAL CHIEF & 2ND CHIEF We really shouldn't dunk them!!!
1500 - 1530	U.S. ARMY The largest Regiment in our tribe... Payback Time!!! - Grunts
1530 - 1600	U.S. MARINE CORPS Naturally, the Best for the last. - Jarheads

For more info contact:
Fannie Barnett - 918-732-7744, Shawn Taryole - 918-732-7745 or Ken Davis - 918-732-7739



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FEATURES

SECTION B

June 1, 2010 Edition

Run! *Letkvs ce! Baht kop pbaye!*

• Tulsa Indian Club sponsors annual 5K run

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

TULSA — Music blared as runners, along with family and friends filled the 21st street River Park to run in the 2010 Day-Ohn-Day 5K race Saturday, May 22 in Tulsa, Okla.

“Each year our 5K event grows,” said Chairman of Tulsa Indian Club and Race Coordinator Robert Anquoe. “It’s been a wonderful experience to see the event grow from 48 runners to over 300 runners which goes to show how supportive the Tulsa and surrounding communities and tribal governments are on promoting wellness and healthy lifestyles.”

A one-mile Fun Run/Walk was held in conjunction with the race.

“Day-Ohn-Day is a Kiowa word meaning ‘wonderful’, ‘good’. “I feel good,” said Anquoe. “The Tulsa Indian Club will continue to provide a vehicle for health awareness and will plan to add more events in the future.”

“I have participated in the Day-Ohn-Day 5K for the past three years and have been able to decrease my time to 35:59,” said participant Andrew Byrd. “The ultimate purpose in my participation in this event is to spend time with my son, both during the race and during the training that leads up to it. Running is a great stress reliever,” he continued.

The event is sanctioned by USA Track and Field and the five kilometer course is USATF certified. The race is



MNN/Melodie Reader

Runners of all ages take off at the starting line on Riverside Drive at the Day-Ohn-Day 5K race Saturday, May 22, 2010 in Tulsa, Okla.

sponsored and part of the Tulsa Running Club race series.

The top three participants in the men’s category were First Place - Caleb Clark of Bartlesville, Okla., with a time of 16:28; Second Place – Connor Wann of Tulsa, Okla., with a time of 17:29 and Third Place – Mark Dolph of Tulsa, Okla. with a time of 17:45.

The top three participants in the women’s category were First Place – Donna Munkelwitz of Tulsa, Okla., with a time of 20:41; Second Place - Muge Park of Tulsa, Okla with a time of 21:01 and Third Place – Andrea McKinney of Tulsa, Okla., with a time of 21:12.

The Chickasaw Nation won the

Second Annual Chief’s Challenge with 61 participants and received the “Order of the Arrow” trophy.

12-year-old, Matthew Iskander of Tulsa won the one-mile Fun Run/Walk. Pendleton blankets were awarded to the overall 5K male/female, One Team Award and the winner of the Second Annual Chief’s Challenge.

The event proceeds go toward the 58th annual Tulsa Powwow to be held on July 16-18 at the Spirit Bank Event Center in Tulsa.

For more information on the Tulsa Indian Club or Powwow, please contact Rob Anquoe at tici@tulsa-powwow.org or (918) 671-2417.

P.R.I.D.E. hosts Summer Youth Diabetes Camps in July

Media Release
P.R.I.D.E.

OKMULGEE — The Community Diabetes Prevention Program will offer five different 3-day summer youth camps that stress healthy lifestyles and diabetes prevention.

Camps will include diabetes prevention education, cultural activities, food and fun. A field trip involving team building and physical challenges at the Helmzar Challenge/Ropes Course in Tulsa will also be part of the activities and the

last day will feature a day at Big Splash in Tulsa.

These camps will be free to any American Indian youth 10-15 years of age. Campers must have a chart at one of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Clinics or have a CDIB card. Each camp will take the first 35 youth to sign up and priority will be given to first-time campers.

For more information, please contact the MCN Diabetes Prevention Program at (918) 637-1325 or see page B5.

Deadline to enter Council House Art Festival set for June 4, 2010

Media Release
Creek Council House Museum

OKMULGEE — The Creek Council House Museum is excited about the upcoming Creek Council House Indian Art Festival to be held at the museum on Saturday, June 26, 2010 in conjunction with the Muscogee Nation Festival.

We will be hosting the “Through the Eyes of the Eagle” exhibit in the museum which will consist of the original artwork from the four books in the series of the same name. The focus of the books is to teach children healthy lifestyle choices with an emphasis on the prevention of diabetes.

There will also be a Festival of Eagles on the square surrounding the Council House. This will

be a health fair, mainly for children, emphasizing the concepts taught in the exhibit.

Even though there will not be a juried art competition, Native artists are still invited to set up on the lawn. There will also be a children’s art area on the lawn for kids to make a piece of art to take home.

The Council House Indian Art Festival Committee wants to encourage all Native American artists with quality art to showcase and sell their work. First time applications for space must be approved by the committee.

For more information, call (918) 756-2324. Spaces are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline for entries is June 4, 2010.

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Coming and Going in Indian Country



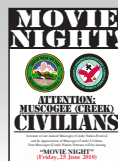
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Coming and Going in Indian Country

by Joy Harjo

Living in hotels and the city is getting to me. Last night I stayed at the home of my music producer, Larry Mitchell, because we went late in the music studio. He and his wife rent a home out in the hills west of Santa Fe. I went out into the morning on the back patio, to the realm of the sun, earth, birds, lizards, and pinon and cedar trees. I heard: quiet. And in the quiet you can hear your heart, the earth's heart, the sun's heart, and the sound of the direction of your life as it merges with the whole of life. I learned as much out there this morning as I can in a book, or a whole library of books. I saw and heard what I needed to know as I headed back into the other part of the story.

These days it's a tough story. The results of our desecration are all around us. The waters of the Gulf of Mexico are being choked by oil greed. We are literally the Earth's body, so we humans are intimately feeling and knowing the effects of these Earth changes. Storms are many times stronger, as are the winds. A few weeks ago in New York City, as I came out of the National Museum of the American Indian, after being part of a native playwrights panel, the winds were so strong they lifted me up and pushed me against the Battery Park fence. They were relentless and powerful. I dreamed about them several years ago: how the winds would move like a tsunami over Earth, to remake the Earth. So it's no wonder that many among us are developing cancers, strokes, heart, various body failures and emotional challenge and breakdown. We are the Earth.

This country is in a downturn of the cycle. It's an important part of the story, but difficult to weather if we don't keep the perspective of eternity. That's how the wisest always position their perspective. It's like looking from the Moon, or

from past the point of your departure from this place, or with seven generations in mind. We have to keep moving with grace, strength and humor and know that our native ways are what are going to help us make it through the destruction. You watch, the same people who are championing English only, immigration fences, and the dissolution of our tribal nations will be coming to us to know how to live. We have to be ready.

So, this morning, I call my mother, who lives in Tulsa, to see how she's doing. It turns out that my brother, who loves to gamble at casinos with his Choctaw wife, has given my mother a new reason to continue her forays to the Cherokee and Creek casinos. He reminded her that she gets lots of exercise walking around the casino. Now she has a new reason to go, much to the dismay of my sister who is on a constant campaign to keep my mother from spending down her money on the machines.

Last month I gave a performance of a new show at the New Mexico Jazz Workshop: "We Were There When Jazz Was Invented". The highlight for me was stomp dancing with Gary White Deer, Valerie Harjo and Willie George as part of the show, to prove that our tribal people were part of the origins of the American musical forms of blues, jazz and rock. When you hear all the music together, there is no doubt our Mvskoke culture was left out of the equation. Everyone loved Gary's troupe's performance, and my spirit was happy hanging out and getting to know Gary, Valerie and Willie better. Being with them reminded me: I need to go home.

Yes, I need to go home.



Mvskoke Country: *Cokv-Walv Mvskoke*

by James Treat

If you subscribe to the *Muscogee Nation News*, then you've probably received one of the wall calendars produced by the Communications Department. The current edition is titled *Mvskoke Etlwv 2010 Nettv Vhvnkatv*, or "Muscogee Nation 2010 Day Counter."

That's an interesting turn of phrase, "day-counter," and there are at least two other ways to express the English word "calendar" in the Mvskoke language.

The term *lvse-onayv* combines *lvse*, which can mean "sun" or "month," and *onayv*, "one who tells (a story)." Of course, the sun and the (lunar) month are both related to how we keep track of the passage of time. So a colloquial translation might be "date-teller," another pretty good expression for calendar.

My personal favorite is *cokv-walv*, a contraction of *cokv* and *owalv*. *Cokv* refers to a book or some other form of written text, while *owalv* is a prophet or fortune-teller, one who can predict the future. So the literal meaning is "book-prophesier," though the phrase makes more sense in English if we translate it as "text that predicts the future."

This strikes me as a reminder that any calendar offers only a prediction, not a promise, of days to come. It's easy to see something in print and assume it must be true. But there's no guarantee we'll be around tomorrow, which is why it's important to live each day as our last.

Incidentally, the English word calendar comes from the Latin *kalendarium*, "moneylender's account book." So take your pick, *nettv-vhvnkatv* or *lvse-onayv* or *cokv-walv*, they're all more suitable than calendar. Better to live by a day-counter, a date-teller, or a text that predicts the future than according to a moneylender's account book.

Previous editions of *cokv-*

walv Mvskoke reproduced photos of Mvskoke historical sites and ceremonial grounds. *Mvskoke Etlwv 2010 Nettv Vhvnkatv* features a dozen images of Mvskoke churches, including Butler Creek Indian Baptist Church, where I have family ties.

It also shows Mvskoke names for the days of the week and the months of the year. This is helpful for those of us who did not grow up speaking the Mvskoke language, and these names can teach us about Mvskoke country as well.

For example, the seven-day week is a cultural tradition from ancient Europe and the Middle East—it has no basis in natural phenomena, unlike the lunar month and the solar year. Mvskokes adopted this periodic cycle in recent times to accommodate the dominant culture.

A century ago, the names for the days were mostly loanwords: Monday became *Mvntē*; Tuesday was either *Tustē* or *Mvntē Enhvyvtke*, "the day after Monday." Today we also have descriptive terms based on each day's position in the weekly rotation: Wednesday is *Ennvrvkvpv*, literally "half of" (the week) or "its middle"; Thursday is *Ennvrvkvpv Enhvyvtke*, "the day after the middle of the week."

The names for the months, on the other hand, are much older and reflect Mvskoke familiarity with the natural world. They are listed here beginning with the month of *posketv* (Green Corn), the new year ceremony traditionally held around summer solstice:

Hvyuce, "Little Harvest"

Hvyo-Rakko, "Big Harvest"

Otvwoskuce, "Little Chestnut"

Otvwoskv-Rakko, "Big Chestnut"

Eholē, "Frost"

Rvfo-Rakko, "Big Winter"

Rvfo 'Cuse, "Winter's Younger Brother"

Hotvlē-Hvse, "Wind Month"

Tasahcuce, "Little Spring"

Tasahce-Rakko, "Big Spring"

Kē-Hvse, "Mulberry Month"

Kvco-Hvse, "Blackberry Month"

Six of the Mvskoke months are named for seasonal weather: frost and winter, wind and spring. The other six months bear names related to food production: berries, harvest, chestnuts.

Seasons and staples—our ancestors knew their environment and understood their dependence on the provision of nature. They survived by marking time with a system that rooted them in the annual round of subsistence.

Why bother with such things in a modern world of comfort and convenience?

Mvskoke terminology is much more than linguistic trivia or ethnic nostalgia. Our indigenous forebears were keen observers of earth and sky, and *cokv-walv* Mvskoke conveys some of their most vital agricultural insights.

This is just one example of what scholars call "traditional ecological knowledge," the distilled wisdom of generations and the land-based way of life that generates it. As among other indigenous peoples, Mvskoke ecological knowledge addresses practical, social, and religious concerns. These are valuable traditions that can help us meet the challenges ahead.

You can find more information about Mvskoke country, including an archive of previous columns, at <http://mvskokecountry.wordpress.com/>

I welcome your comments on anything I've written, as well as your suggestions for things I should be writing about. You can reach me by e-mail at treaty@illinois.edu



JUNE 4
Scholarship Pageant

JUNE 18-20
Basketball 3 on 3 Adult
Live Entertainment
Slow Pitch Softball

JUNE 24
Stomp Dance



ALL-INDIAN RODEO
June 25th & 26th



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JUNE 25-27

5K Run/Walk
All-Indian Rodeo
Arts & Crafts
Basketball 3 on 3 Youth
Child Safety Seat Check
Children's Fun Fair
Creek Hymn/Gospel Singing
Farmers' Market
Fast Pitch Softball
Golf
Horseshoes
Junior Olympics
Live Entertainment
Living Legends
Parade
Senior Citizens' Activities
Traditional Games
Volleyball

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



RANDY HOUSER | 6.25.10



JAMIE COON | 6.26.10



THE TEMPTATIONS | 6.26.10

2010 MCN Festival schedule

Friday, June 4

7 p.m.
• Miss/ Jr. Miss Muscogee Nation Pageant—Henryetta High School Auditorium—1800 W. Troy Aikman Drive, in Henryetta

Saturday, June 12

11 a.m.
• Muscogee Royalty Reception—Council House Museum—106 West 6th, Downtown, Okmulgee

Friday, June 18

6:30 p.m.
• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
• Arts and Crafts
• Food Vendors

Saturday, June 19

8 a.m.
• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
• Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gym—1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive
11 a.m.
• Arts and Crafts
• Food Vendors
7 p.m.
• Live Entertainment

Sunday, June 20

8 a.m.
• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

Thursday, June 24

1 p.m.
• Traditional Games —West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex
7:30 p.m.
• Stomp Dance—South of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex

Friday, June 25

8 a.m.

• Junior Olympics — Harmon Stadium — 601 E. 12th Street
• Senior Citizens' Activities — Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center
• Farmers' Market
8:30 a.m.
• Golf Tournament (Scramble)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course - Checotah
9 a.m.
• Traditional Games —West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex
10 a.m.
• Children's Fun Fair
5 p.m.
• Arts & Crafts
• Food Vendors
5:30 - 7 p.m.
• Living Legends
6:30 p.m.
• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
6:30 - 9 p.m.
• All-Indian Rodeo — Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
9 p.m.
• Live Entertainment - Randy Houser

Saturday, June 26

8 a.m.
• Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gymnasium - 1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive
• 5k Walk/Run
• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
• Horseshoe Tournament
• Children's Fun Fair
• Farmers' Market

8:30 a.m.
• Golf Tournament (Individual Qualification)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course
9 a.m.
• Volleyball Tournament
9 a.m. - 12 noon
• Child Safety Seat Check—Parking Lot North Entrance MCN tribal complex
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

• Council House Indian Art Festival—106 West 6th, Downtown Okmulgee
10 a.m.
• Festival Parade—Main Street (6th Street), Okmulgee
• All-Indian Rodeo Slack—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
11 a.m.
• Arts & Crafts
• Food Vendors
2-6 p.m.
• Creek Hymn Singing and Gospel Singing—South of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex
3 p.m.
• Traditional Games — West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex
6- 9 p.m.
• Rodeo Finals — Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena
7 p.m.
• Live Entertainment — Jamie Coon
9 p.m.
• Live Entertainment — The Temptations

Sunday, June 27

8 a.m.
• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
• Farmers Market
• Children's Fun Fair
11 a.m.
• Arts & Crafts
• Food Vendors

All events unless otherwise noted will take place at the Claude Cox Omniplex in Okmulgee, Okla. Shuttle parking will be available at Housing and east of the Mound Building. All events are subject to change.

For more information, contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732-7992.

Muscogee Festival Parade to feature 'Indian Car' contest

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Parade will be held Saturday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m., in Okmulgee, Okla.

The Festival Committee is now accepting applications for the MCN Festival Parade. Participants may enter a float to advertise a company and MCN departments, communities, ceremonial grounds, churches and organiza-

tions are also encouraged to enter. New to this year's parade will be an 'Indian' car competition.

All participation is free and the deadline for entry is June 18, 2010.

For more information, visit the Festival Event section on the MCN

web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov for an application or contact Melinda Deering-water at (918) 759-4172.



Farmers' Market returns to Muscogee Festival

Media Release

MCN Senior Services

OKMULGEE — The 2010 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival will include a Farmers Market.

We encourage all that are interested in selling their home-grown produce to contact the office of Tourism & Recreation to secure a space at no cost.

All chartered Creek Communities are encouraged to inform farmers in their areas and secure a space for them.

The 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival will be held June 24-27, 2010.

For more information, please contact Brian On-The-Hill, Project Specialist at MCN Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7993.

For more information on the 36th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, visit the Festival Events section of the MCN web site at: www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Fountainhead Creek to host Festival Golf Tournament

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

EUFAULA — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Golf Tournament will be held at Fountainhead Golf Course June 25-26, 2010.

On Friday, June 25 the four-man scramble will be held fol-

lowed by a two-man scramble on Saturday, June 26.

Registration deadline for the golf tournament is June 23, 2010. For more information, contact Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992.

CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Immersion Academy Committee

MORRIS — The Immersion Academy will host their next meeting from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Trinity Baptist Church Recreational Building.

There will be a potluck lunch following the meeting. This is an open invitation meeting all are encouraged to bring a fluent speaker as a guest. If you are interested in working at the Immersion Academy, please contact National Council Rep. Terry Anderson at (918) 237-1417 or tanderson@mcnnc.com.

P.R.I.D.E. Summer Camps

OKMULGEE — The Community Diabetes Prevention program of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will offer Summer Youth day camps that stress healthy lifestyles and diabetes prevention. The three-day camps include:

- Playing games to learn how to prevent diabetes
- Enjoying healthy foods and tra-

ditional Creek foods

- Team-building and physical challenges

- Water fun at Big Splash

These camps will be free to any American Indian youth 10-15 years of age. Campers must have a chart at one of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation clinics or have a CDIB card. Each camp will take the first 35 youth to sign up and priority will be given to first-time campers.

Call the Exercise Manager at the clinic nearest you to register your child for three days of summer fun and learning.

Okemah Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 12-14. Contact Irene Culley at (918) 636-8735.

Koweta Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 13-15. Contact Taylor Thompson at (918) 807-1561.

Eufaula Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 19-21. Contact Kimberlee Little at (918) 637-9684.

Okmulgee Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 20 - 22. Contact William Fixico at (918) 637-

9683.

Sapulpa Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 27-29. Contact Duane Meadows at (918) 695-1325.

Scott Family Reunion

EUFAULA — The descendants of Samuel Scott and Nancy McIntosh Scott, Daniel Scott, John Scott, Benny Scott or Hepsey Scott Lewis will host the annual Scott Reunion June 5, 2010 at the Eufaula Indian Community Center/Skating Rink located at 702 Forest in Eufaula from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The skating rink will be available as well as horseshoes, volleyball and other activities.

Families are asked to bring a covered dish, salad, fruit or dessert. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m., and meat and drinks will be supplied.

For more information, please contact Helena Girod at (918) 451-1932 or via e-mail at hgirod@cin-emareview.com

VASO hosts "Dunk a Vet!"

OKMULGEE — On Saturday 26 June 2010 from 1300-1600 hours, the MCN VASO will be hosting the first annual "Dunk a Vet!" dunk booth at the Veterans' Building at the MCN tribal complex.

This event will be \$5 for three throws and participants will have a chance to dunk MCN veterans from all branches of service including: Navy, Air Force, Army and Marines as well as various members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and the Principal Chief and Second Chief.

Snow cones and Cokes will be for sale and popcorn will be free and

plenty of seating will be available for this event. All ages are welcome and everyone is encouraged attend this event.

For more information, contact Fannie Barnett at (918) 732-7744, Ken Davis (918) 732-7739 or Shawn Taryole at (918) 732-7745.

Glenpool Food Bingo

GLENPOOL — The Glenpool Indian Community is hosting a food bingo, which will take place on June 19, 2010.

The bingo will be held in the activity building behind the Smoke Shop at 6:30 p.m.

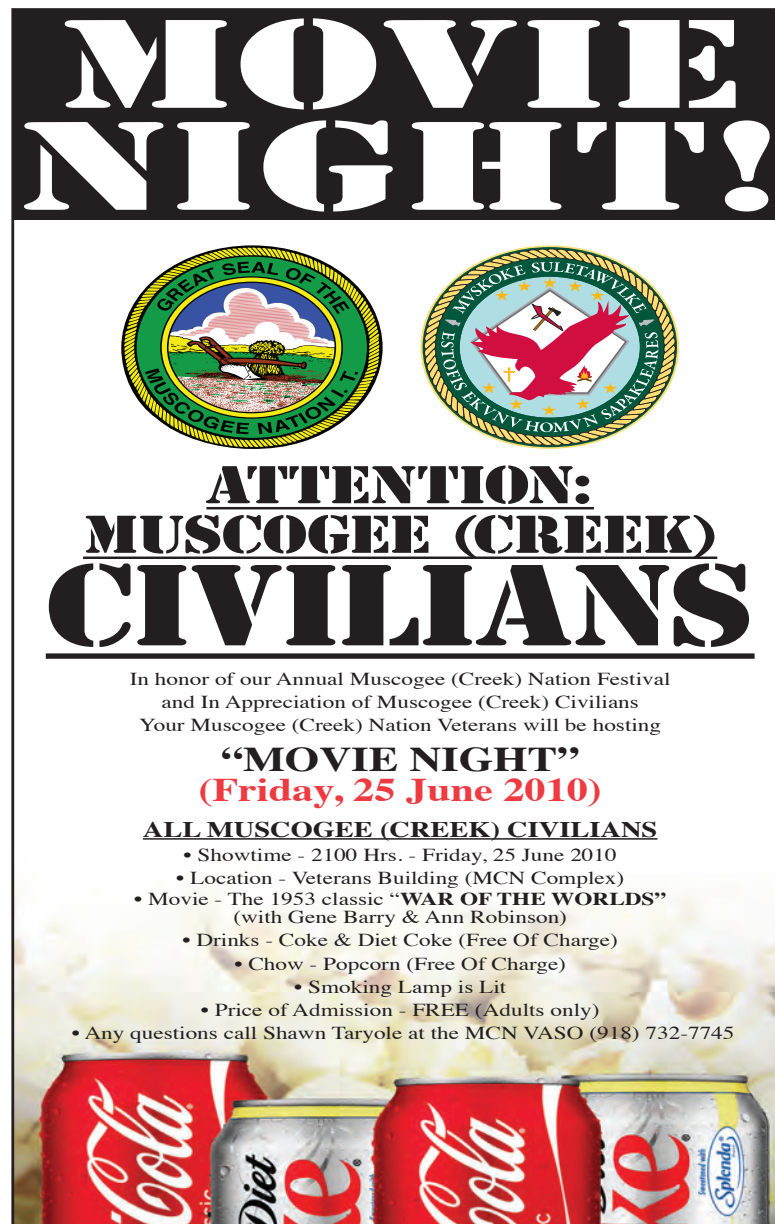


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MOVIE NIGHT!


ATTENTION: MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CIVILIANS

In honor of our Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival and In Appreciation of Muscogee (Creek) Civilians Your Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veterans will be hosting

"MOVIE NIGHT"
(Friday, 25 June 2010)

ALL MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CIVILIANS

- Showtime - 2100 Hrs. - Friday, 25 June 2010
- Location - Veterans Building (MCN Complex)
- Movie - The 1953 classic **"WAR OF THE WORLDS"** (with Gene Barry & Ann Robinson)
- Drinks - Coke & Diet Coke (Free Of Charge)
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- Smoking Lamp is Lit
- Price of Admission - FREE (Adults only)
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Beam

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"Dr. King, Mr. Bible and Mrs. Mason gave us so much information for the design of the structure for the tribe; the meaning of the colors and the importance of entering the building from the east, counter clock wise," said Beck. "All the form and meaning came from the Muscogee culture. Everything is done in fours, such as having 16 columns."

"The Muscogee (Creek) people

were the nicest people and easy to work with. The planning committee knew what they wanted and were beyond accommodating," continued Beck. "It was educational and we learned much from them. It was almost like doing a portrait of the tribe and all of that is reflected back at you when you look at it."

Following Beck, President of Nabholz Construction Chris Burnett explained the meaning of the 'Topping Out' ceremony.

"In centuries past, in the Scandinavian countries of northern Europe,

the evergreen was considered a good spirit and was placed on the highest point of an erected building to dedicate the building to good spirits," said Burnett. "Today, Nabholz continues this tradition to celebrate the completion of the most dangerous phase of construction and to symbolize our thanksgiving for a safe project."

After the welcome speech, faculty, students and guests signed the final beam, before it was put into place.

The beam was hoisted into the air via a large crane and moved to its final

resting place in the center of the curve of the building to complete the topping out ceremony.

Afterward, approximately 45 guests were treated to a tour by President Bible and Dr. King as the workers stopped construction in honor of the event.

Still in the early stages of development, designers have aimed to give the structure an earthy feel with its environmental friendly features, such as use of native rock and wood and geothermal heating.

"It was an exciting and historic event, being the first building for the College of the Muscogee Nation," said Bible. "It shows the commitment that education is, and always will be, a top priority for our Muscogee Creek citizens by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the College of the Muscogee Nation."

Those involved in the planning and design of the building included faculty, staff and the Board of Regents.

For more information on the CMN, please call (918) 758-1480.

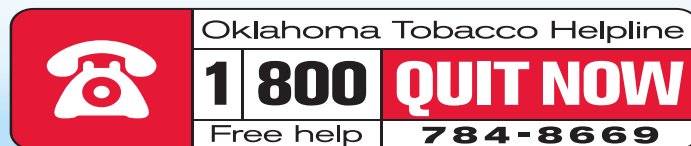


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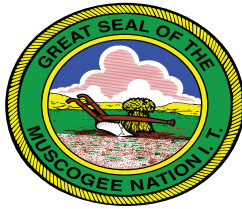


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- Location - Veterans Building (MCN Complex)
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- Chow - Popcorn (Free Of Charge)
- Smoking Lamp is Lit
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- "MOVIE NIGHT" is for Muscogee Veterans only (Plus one guest)
- Any questions call Shawn Taryole at the MCN VASO (918) 732-7745





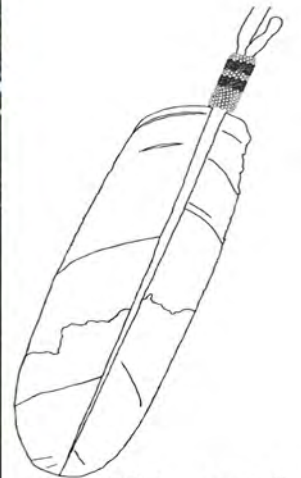
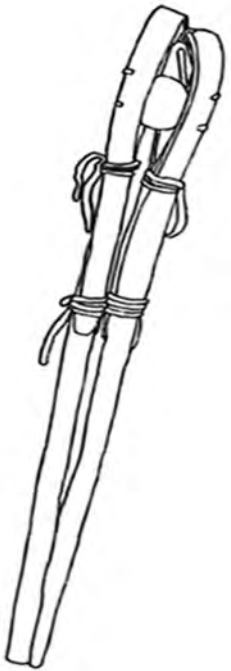
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Election Board

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• Ellis granted Permanent Injunction against Trade & Commerce



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Pictured from left to right are Muscogee (Creek) Nation Attorney General Roger Wiley, Judge Patrick E. Moore (background), Plaintiff's council Rod Wiemer and Timothy Posey in the district courtroom Friday, June 4, 2010 during a hearing for CV 2010-51.

Angel Ellis and Lee Longhorn
MNN Editorial Staff

OKMULGEE — On Friday, June 4, 2010 Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court Judge Patrick E. Moore granted injunctive relief for CV 2010-51, in the Plaintiff A.D. Ellis in his official capacity as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation sought permanent injunction

from Henry Harjo, Dean Hughes, Brett Thomas and Ronnie West, former members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Trade and Commerce Authority Board.

The MCN District Court heard arguments from Rod Wiemer and Timothy Posey, council for the Prin-

icipal Chief and Muscogee (Creek) Nation Attorney General Roger Wiley, representing T&CA Board. The proceedings reviewed the forensic audit report prepared by David W. Jansen and Glenn A. Eddleman.

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Beaver crowned Miss Muscogee Nation

Lee Longhorn
MNN Reporter

HENRYETTA — Standing beneath the bright lights on stage, five young Muscogee (Creek) women anxiously awaited the results of the 2010-2011 Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Scholarship Pageant. Months of preparation, finding dresses, moccasins, and practicing singing and shaking shells had led up to this moment. A few smiled toward the audience, others stared around the stage.

"The 2010-2011 Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation is Tusa Beaver," announced Master of Ceremonies Thompson "Geebon" Gouge on June 4, 2010 at the Alice Ghostly Auditorium at Henryetta High School in Henryetta, Okla.

"I was so nervous. I'm so happy for these girls," Beaver thought right before she heard her name called over the sound system.

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Doing Business in Indian Country: Thlopthlocco case goes to U.S. 10th Cir.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

TULSA — Attorneys, judges and others working in the legal profession, listened as speakers from across the nation expounded upon legal topics at the 8th Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation "Doing Business in Indian Country" Continuing Legal Education Conference at River Spirit Casino Event Center in Tulsa May 20-21, 2010.

Moderators were University of Oklahoma professor Shelly Grunsted and Muscogee (Creek)

Nation District Court Judge Patrick E. Moore.

After retiring from the U.S. Department of the Interior in 2005, William Bettenberg discussed how the department worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to help tribes utilize their assets. Without a resource such as a timber or fishing on tribal lands, tribes struggled to obtain the monies they needed to succeed, Bettenberg stated.

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Goodbye from 2009-2010 Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation



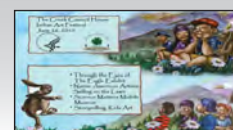
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

T.H.; DOB: 11-30-99
K.H.; DOB: 03-23-01
M.H.; DOB: 05-20-08

Alleged Deprived Children

Case No. JV-2010-01

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Unknown Father, Father M.H.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 10TH day of August, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. **YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED** that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

D.D., DOB: 04/15/1993
W.D., Jr., DOB: 08/25/2001

Alleged Deprived Children

Case No. JV-2008-01

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Lisa Dobbs, Mother of W.D., Jr.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 13th day of July, 2010 at 10:00 a.m

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. **YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED** that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the marriage of GONZALEZ:

TIFFANY L. TEDFORD-GONZALEZ,

Petitioner,

vs.

ANTOLIN GONZALEZ,

Respondent.

Case No. DV 2010-32

Before Patrick E. Moore
Judge of the District Court

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

To: Antolin Gonzalez

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. DV 2010-32, styled *In re the Marriage of GONZALEZ, Tiffany L. Tedford-Gonzalez, Petitioner and Antolin Gonzalez, Respondent*. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage* from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner on or before the 22nd day of June, 2010, at 2 o'clock P. m., or appear at the hearing at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of may, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

By: Sharon Mcclenathan
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP
OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF

E.L.J.,

Minor Child.

Case No. GD-2010-08

Judge Patrick Moore

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Unknown Father

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for guardianship in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. GD-2010-08, styled *In re the Matter of the Guardianship of the Person and Estate of E.L.J., a minor child*. The action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled to guardianship over the minor child based on abandonment.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioner and appear at the hearing on the 15th day of July, 2010 at 10 o'clock A. m. at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Mound Building, Hwy 75 and 56 Loop, Okmulgee, OK or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of May, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

By: Sharon Mcclenathan
(Deputy)

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MNN/Melodie Reader

MCN Supreme Court Justice Houston Shirley swears-in attorneys to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar on May 20, 2010 during the 8th Annual Continuing Legal Education Conference at River Spirit Casino in Tulsa, Okla. Attorneys pictured from left: Richard Coiner, Marsha Rose, Karli Pierson, Brandy Inman and Molly Hanna.

“What you had in effect across a whole spectrum of programs, was people in Washington [D.C.] making decisions that may or may not relate to what was important to the tribes and the problems they were facing,” said Bettenberg.

Former Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission Montie Deer discussed sovereignty in the government to government relationship.

“We need your help in defending the independency of the NIGC — it is an independent agency. I think it’s important for Indian Country that we maintain that independency for the Native Americans,” Deer stated.

“States have limited authority on tribal land and no authority to interfere in tribal governmental processes,” continued Deer. “In fact, virtually all state authority on Indian land derives of grants of such authority from the federal government. Which brings me to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).”

“Clearly, tribes that engage in gaming under IGRA are subjecting themselves in some way to state authority. Class II gaming cannot be conducted unless the gaming is legal under state law,” explained Deer.

“States, however, have no regulato-

ry authority over tribal Class II gaming. However, tribes that engage in Class III gaming may be required to give up significant sovereign prerogatives in the compacting process,” said Deer.

This makes those who operate under the Class II gaming regulations subject to the particular laws of the state.

MCN Secretary of the Nation Kevin Dellinger spoke concerning his responsibility to the tribe and cited *Rosenberg vs. Hupapai Nation in Ariz.*, and *Wolfchild Atall vs. U.S.A.*, concerning the Mdewakanton Tribe in Minn., both currently pending in their respective courts.

While Dellinger asserts the government ‘got it right’ in the *Rosenberg* case, he feels that the Mdewakanton Tribe has not received the assistance they need to rectify their situation concerning tribal land put into trust for them in the late 1800s.

“I feel in this case, the government failed the Mdewakantons,” said Dellinger. “If this was something considered to be a gratuitous appropriation, or even just a simple appropriation, it severely lacked what it set out to do, and that was to take care of the Mdewakantons and their lineal decedents.”

“Secondly, I think the failure to define the ownership of the property, in

the acts, was a fatal flaw that the government should take some responsibility for, neglecting and even correcting in this situation,” continued Dellinger.

Another discussion was led by Professor of Law Timothy Pleasant of Concord University concerning *Crowe & Dunlevy v. Gregory Stidham*.

The discussion detailed a timeline of events beginning with the internal dispute between Thlopthlocco Tribal Town members followed by accusations of court orders of repayments being denied and the refusal by Crowe and Dunlevy staff to return monies, resulting in the pending U.S. 10th Cir. Court of Appeals case.

“I’d like to call this the ‘Thlopthlocco Disaster,’ aka ‘How a tribe shoots itself in the foot, costs itself a ton of money, ends up with outsiders deciding its disputes and gets screwed by unethical behavior of a big non-Indian law firm, putting the sovereignty of all tribes in doubt,” said Pleasant.

According to Pleasant, the case may hold not only the sovereignty of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in its hand, but also the sovereignty of all Oklahoma tribes.

For more information on the CLE, contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court at (918) 732-7970.

Goodbye from outgoing Miss Muscogee

Rochell Werito

2009-2010 Miss Muscogee Nation

OKMULGEE — Hensci! Estonko? I hope you all are doing wonderfully. I would like to take the time to congratulate all the 2009-2010 Muscogee graduates. I am so incredibly proud that our people are attaining degrees, certifications, and diplomas. Good luck in all you do; you are all in my thoughts and prayers.



I am honored to call Stacie Chavez, Miss Jicarilla Apache, a dear friend. Stacie and her parents joined us during the competition and we exchanged thoughts and stories of our homes. The presentation and powwow were moments I will not forget. I can close my eyes and see the people from every direction of the United

States and Canada in attendance at that spectacular event.

Along with the Jr. Miss and Sr. Miss, I attended the Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant in Norman May 1, 2010. I would like to take the time to congratulate Miss Faith Harjo, a Muscogee citizen, for a job well done as the outgoing Miss Indian Oklahoma. I would also like to wish the new Miss and Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma blessed and safe reigns.

I was given the chance to meet the young women who will be competing for the 2010-2011 Miss and Jr. Miss Muscogee Nation titles, and I am proud of each and every one of them. Please come out and support our members during the pageant on June 4, 2010 in Henryetta, and support the new royalty during the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival.

This is the end of a wonderful and blessed year as Miss Muscogee Nation, and I will always remember the journey. The question that has been asked recently is “What was your favorite event?” I can not pinpoint one event, but moments I had were with my other royalty. They made this experience more than I could have ever hoped for. However, the unforgettable memory that I am thankful to have is meeting the Piestwa family during the festival last year. I hope each of you have had a wonderful year thus far. Thank you to Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill, Muscogee National Council, Louis Hicks, the pageant committee, and the Muscogee Nation citizens. It has been my honor serving and representing each of you this year. Mvto. Cehcevres.



MNN/Mallory Bible

Pictured from left (top) are former Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Rochell Werito, Principal Chief A.D. Ellis and 2010-2011 Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tusa Beaver. At right are Beaver and Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ashleigh Johnson.

Beaver said her head was full of emotions as she waited on stage.

Earlier in the evening, the new Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation was announced. Ashleigh Johnson, a former Little Miss Division III titleholder, was crowned. "It feels like I take a bigger step in my life. I'm moving up in the world," Johnson said.

The Miss and Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation will make official appearances at various events throughout the annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival in Okmulgee, later this month.

Beaver, a graduate of Eufaula High

School, will be attending the University of Oklahoma in the fall. Beaver has held previous leadership and representation roles throughout her high school career. Most notable was her leadership role as a Drum Major for the "Mighty Tiger Band" music ensemble for Eufaula High School.

Eli Grayson, judge for the Miss/Jr. Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Pageant, remarked on the flow of the night's events. "They did a good job considering they packed so much stuff into one night."

The contestants were judged on poise, personality, their traditional dress and talent, a two-minute speech, an

impromptu question and trivia question about the tribe.

"If they had one more contestant, it would have to be a two-day event," Grayson continued. "It's just too much and too long for one night, but I thought it went smoothly."

Mallory Buckley, of Tulsa, Okla., was first runner-up in the Miss Division. Jana Rolland finished first runner-up in the Jr. Miss Division.

Rochelle Werito, outgoing Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation, reflected on the previous year's experience. "It'll change your life, in more ways than one."



Injunction

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Eddleman, a CPA, CFE, and CFI for Curzon, Cumbey, Kunke Strategies, took the stand offering his testimony on the audit report, which he prepared. He gave a brief of the method used to generate the report and an explanation of the findings.

Eddleman's testimony reflected mismanagement of funds, abuse of company credit cards, conflicts of interest and excessive travel for purposes other than Trade and Commerce Authority business.

According to Eddleman, former T&CA CEO Michael Wisner took numerous trips to Ill., where he may have been funding the set up of personal business ventures and pursuing personal interests with T&CA funds.

Listed in the audit reports under the advertising, promotions and donations sections were expenses for a sky-

box at the Spirit Bank Event Center in the amount of \$99,000, which was paid over the course of a two-year period. Other examples cited by Eddleman, included investments with Leadership Properties, LLC, 9100 Garnett Associates and Richmond China Media LP Investment. According to the records reviewed by Eddleman, these investments, "held no defined return for T&CA."

Eddleman pointed out that many of these decisions regarding travel and investments were not only Wisner's but were also supported by T&CA Board, which voted without an established quorum on numerous occasions.

The incomplete board operated for approximately 10-12 months, until the addition of Brett Thomas, at which time they attempted to ratify their previous meeting minutes and re-voted on monies already expended.

The salaries and bonuses for the CEO also came under fire when Eddleman pointed out that Wisner was en-

titled to 100 percent of the equivalent of his salary in the form of a bonus if the T&CA gained only five percent in profitability. While T&CA did increase net income, it also increased payout. According to Eddleman, the fact that T&CA spent more money than was brought in, made questionable the validity of Wisner's bonus.

Wiley cross-examined Eddleman and focused on whether or not the removal of the board was lawful.

"I'm here to contest the process by which that board was removed, nothing justifies a violation of the law," said Wiley.

Wiley established that Eddleman was not present to testify as to whether the actions taken against the former board were within the law or that any recommendations made by Eddleman were being followed.

"Those board members, if needed to be removed, should have been brought before the Council and tried like any other officer, that's what they

are entitled to," said Wiley. In his attempt to cover the rules granting injunctive relief, he referenced the 1989 case, *Cox v. Moore*, stating the Chief had the authority to remove purely executive officials and officers of hospital and clinic boards but not other boards.

"I think the only proper thing to do is to deny this injunctive, and require the proper removal process. Two wrongs do not make a right," Wiley said.

He further suggested that legal restitutions could be sought later after the proper processes were followed.

After referencing Article 5 of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution, Posey stated, "I don't think that there can be any question that the Principal Chief of this nation is the sole embodiment for carrying out the executive powers set forth in the constitution of the nation."

Posey asked the court to consider the 2006-2007 MCN Supreme Court Case *Ellis vs. National Council*.

"Passage of laws, appropriations of monies and advice and consent in appropriate instances," were quoted by Posey as the defining limitations of the National Council's power and involvement in this case.

Moore's decision granted the permanent injunction in favor of the Plaintiff. "I'm just the people's lawyer, the people's court and the people's judge. I cannot allow this kind of activity to continue, period. It's in the best interest of the Creek citizens to not allow this," said Moore.

Following the delivery of the ruling, Principal Chief, A.D. Ellis stated, "I felt I was right all along. I couldn't permit this kind of stuff to go on. I represent the nation."

Plaintiff's attorney, Rod Wiemer stated, "We feel confident that the Chief's executive authority was properly used in this case for the protection of the entire nation. We're happy with the result; we believe it was the appropriate result both legally and factually."

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Creek Council House Museum to host Festival of Eagles Children's Health Fair and Indian Art Festival on Saturday, June 26

Media Release

Creek Council House Museum

OKMULGEE — The Creek Council House Museum will be having an exciting day of events on Saturday, June 26, 2010. The Council House Indian Art Festival is part of the 36th annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival and is open to the public.

Robby McMurtry, local Comanche artist and writer, will be signing copies of his new graphic novel, *Native Heart: The Life and Times of Ned Christie*, Cherokee Patriot and Renegade.

McMurtry, art teacher at Morris High School, has had many international art exhibitions, and his paintings are in several museums, but he is currently working on a series of books-graphic novels-that examine the lives of historical figures of Oklahoma and the old Indian Territory.

Native Heart relates the life story of Ned Christie, a Cherokee gunsmith

who was accused of murdering a United States Deputy Marshal, in Tahlequah; proclaiming his innocence, Christie retreated to his home in the Cookson Hills, beginning a five-year campaign by marshals and bounty hunters to kill or capture him. Though a large reward was offered, and his home burned down three times, Christie defied law officers and became a folk hero to his people.

Billie Jane McIntosh, a Muscogee (Creek) author and retired college counselor and instructor in Arizona at the Council House Indian Art Festival. She will be signing her book *From Georgia Tragedy to Oklahoma Frontier, A Biography of Scots Creek Indian Chief Chilly McIntosh*.

The biography of her great-great-grandfather Chilly McIntosh is her second book about her Muscogee ancestors. The new book begins with the

Red Stick War, in which the Muscogee Creeks were split into two factions, ending in the Treaty of 1814.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Creek Council House Museum and the Muscogee Creek Nation present *Through the Eyes of the Eagle: Illustrating Healthy Living for Children*. This exhibit features the original artwork used for the vibrant illustrations in the *Eagle Books*, a four-book series written by Georgia Perez, a community health representative who lives in Nambe Pueblo in New Mexico. The 2010 MCN Festival of Eagles event hope that the engaging, positive messages found in the books will encourage children and parents from the Creek Nation communities to make positive lifestyle changes.

This event will kick off at the Creek Council House Museum on Sat-

urday, June 26, 2010, during the Creek Festival. The public Grand Opening of the original artwork of the *Through the Eyes of the Eagle* books and Creek Nation Festival of Eagles Health Fair are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"The Festival of Eagles will be informative and fun," said Gloria Moore, MCN Diabetes Program Family Therapist.

The exhibit is organized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Division of Diabetes Translation, the Native Diabetes Wellness Program, and the Global Health Odyssey Museum and brought to the community through the efforts of local partners: the Creek Council House Museum, the Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Diabetes Program, Community Health Representatives, Office of Child

Care, Head Start Program, Language Program and Elderly Nutrition Program.

In addition to the exhibit there will be a health fair with activities for the young and young-at-heart. Mahenwah-dose, a nationally known Indian Storytelling Production Company featuring Will Hill and Jehnean Washington will also be present.

Experience the excitement of the Mobile Science Museum, have your face painted, make a clay pot or necklace to take home, shop with Native American vendors set up on the lawn, listen to the tale of Farmer Cate, hear the *Eyes of the Eagle* read to the children in Mvskoke, watch the tale of Dorothy and the Scarecrow, and more!

For more information on the Council House Indian Art Festival, contact the museum at (918) 756-2324.



Veterans' Scoop

Staff

Veterans Affairs Services Office

The Veterans' Scoop will feature articles and updates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and other credible sources.

OSU accepting applications for entrepreneurial program

STILLWATER—Oklahoma State University is now accepting applications for its annual program that helps equip disabled veterans with the skills needed to launch their own businesses.

The Veterans Entrepreneurship Program, or VEP, is an entrepreneurial training program aimed at empowering veterans and equipping them with the resources they need to turn their business ideas into workable business models, helping them create their own companies and making their ventures sustainable.

"The VEP targets disabled veterans who statistically have more difficulty in accessing resources and networks when they start businesses, creating higher barriers to success," said Michael Morris, the N. Malone Mitchell Chair who heads up the OSU School of Entrepreneurship and founded the VEP. "At the same time, we also make the program available to service distinguished veterans as a way to say 'thanks' for all they have done."

VEP is presented by the Riata Center for Entrepreneurship and School of Entrepreneurship in OSU's Spears School of Business and offers a three-stage learning experience that provides business support and resources for veterans of the U.S. military to launch or expand their own businesses. Participants complete an online self-study session and an intense eight-day on-campus boot camp, followed by ten months of mentoring and support from elite entrepreneurship educators from around the country, VEP faculty members and volunteer entrepreneurs.

The entire VEP program – transportation, accommodation, books, food and instruction – is provided free of charge to participants. OSU alumni and supporters have rallied around the program and donated thousands of dollars to help make the program possible.

"I believe we owe it to these veterans who have paid such a high price to serve our country," said Morris, who is a veteran himself. "The whole idea is to empower veterans and to show them a path forward that centers on entrepreneurship."

Joe Perez of San Antonio is one of the many participants who have forged a path that centers on entrepreneurship. With the help of instruction he received at VEP's 2010 boot camp, Perez since has established his business, Frontline Support Solutions LLC.

Perez's business, which just celebrated its first month of business, is a commercial general-contracting firm focused on federal government opportunities for disabled veterans. Perez said the business is focused on hiring able and disabled veterans looking to join the construction and facility-services industries.

As these vets become proficient in their selected trades, Perez said he will help them create their own veteran-operated business so they can begin to generate wealth and impact other people's lives by creating jobs and putting the economy back on track. He added that another goal he has for his company, Frontline Support Solutions, is to become one of the first companies certified under the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' Mentor Protégé program.

Applications for the 2010-2011 VEP are available online at <http://entrepreneurship.okstate.edu/vep>. Applications are due by October 1, 2010. To make a donation, visit OSUgiving.com, or contact Morris at (405) 744-5357.



'Coasting' across the nation

• Navajo Honor Riders make cross-country trek from L.A., to D.C.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — After a bike ride from Nashville, Tenn., on their return trip from Washington, D. C., Navajo Nation Honor Riders Curran Hannon and Jesse Morales stopped for a presentation June 3, 2010 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

National Council Speaker Roger Barnett received a plaque in recognition of active and retired servicemen and women of Creek heritage for their participation in all branches of service.

"We present this plaque to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma in recognition of the dedication of your Muscogee warriors," said Hannon. "Thank you for your service to our great country. We are grateful for the sacrifices you have made for our freedom."

Barnett, a veteran corporal of the U.S. Army, 10th Mountain Division, accepted the award.

"I have a great deal of respect for our Native American veterans and veterans, in general. Any time I have the opportunity to meet veterans from other tribal nations it is an honor and privilege," said Barnett. "You never know what a veteran might have experienced during his or her tour of duty; you're overwhelmed with just the presence of an individual whom was willing to make the sacrifice and devote his or her life, so that we can continue to enjoy the freedom we love so much, and sometimes take for granted."

This is the sixth year of the Navajo Nation Honor Riders' 5,400 mile round-trip from Los Angeles, Calif., to Washington, D. C., according to Hannon.

Hannon who serves as a Council Delegate for the Navajo Nation was accompanied on the run by fellow Navajo rider Jesse Morales of Tortugas, N.M.

The Navajo Nation Honor Riders escorts soldiers to their residences on their return home from service, both on leave and in death. This ride brings attention to military personnel and is not used to raise funds for their cause, but awareness.



MNN/Melodie Reader

Navajo Nation Honor Rider, Curran Hannon (L) presents Muscogee (Creek) Nation Speaker of the National Council Roger Barnett with a plaque honoring the Nation for their outstanding service to all branches of the military on June 3, 2010.

"We want our soldiers and their families to know that we honor and appreciate their service to our nation to help preserve our freedom," said Hannon. "We honor them both in life and in death with an escort home. It is the least we can do for them to show our respect."

Hannon and Morales intend to ride

each year in honor of both active and retired military servicemen and service-women and hope that the group grows each year.

If you would like more information on participating in this annual event, please contact Curran Hannon at chan-n@navajonation.org

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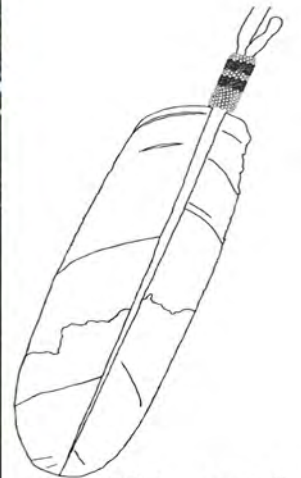
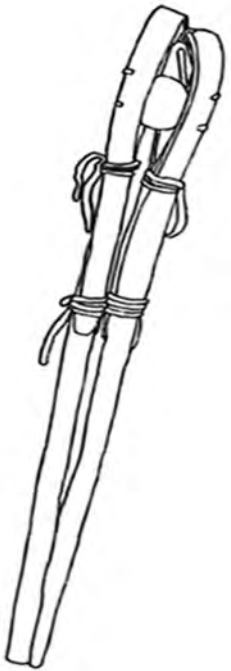
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FEATURES

SECTION B

June 15, 2010 Edition

Community recognizes “treasures”

• Older Native Americans Month honors Sapulpa elders

Lee Longhorn

MNN Multimedia Intern

SAPULPA — “I don’t consider you at an age where you’re older or an elder. I consider you someone, that is a treasure,” Creek District Rep. George Tiger said at the Older Native American Celebration Month Celebration in Sapulpa, Okla., on May 25.

The community honored the two eldest Muscogee (Creek) community members, Wiley Jack, 92, and Viola “Vi” Howard Cottrell, 95. Other Native Americans were honored at the celebration who were at or above the age of 75. Many tribes were represented at the gathering and received recognition too.

Jack is a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army as Pvt. 1st Class between 1940-1947. Jack was an accomplished swimmer while he attended West Point Military Academy, and was one of a few Native Americans to meet President Harry S. Truman. Jack married the late Marie Watashe in 1947 and would have celebrated 63 years of marriage this year.

Cottrell was born in Creek County, Okla., and graduated from Sapulpa High School. During World War II, she served as a nurse in the U.S. army, tending to wounded American



MNN/Rebecca Landsberry

Sapulpa Indian Community honored the two eldest Muscogee (Creek) community members, Wiley Jack, 92 and Viola Howard Cottrell, 95 in recognition of Older Native Americans Month.



soldiers while stationed in France and Germany.

Cottrell’s family ties to the Sapulpa Community date back to her maternal great-grandfather, William Eufaula, who established Little Cussetah, the oldest church in Sapulpa.

Also acknowledged at event were home bound individuals who were unable to attend.

Sapulpa Creek Indian Community Chairperson, JoAnna Fixico also acknowledged the staff and members of the community who continually support the community’s elderly.

Speaker of the National Council and Creek District Rep. Roger Barnett expressed his enjoyment and support of the event. “The feeling is just awe-

some the time and effort they [the community] put towards our elders.” Barnett continued, “The community did a great job putting it [the celebration] together.”

The Older Native Americans Month celebration originated with the Elderly Nutrition Program of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Principal Chief A.D. Ellis signed the first proclamation designating May as Older Native Americans Month in 2006.

The celebration coincides with observance of Older Americans Month. For more information on events at the Sapulpa Community, please contact JoAnna Fixico at (918) 227-9267.

For more information on the Elderly Nutrition Program, please contact Lou Fixico at (918) 758-2727.

Head Start centers now accepting applications for 2010-2011

Media Release

MCN Head Start

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start Program is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2010-2011 school year. There is no application fee.

Participants should provide the following:

- Income Verification for child’s parent(s) (pay stubs, W-2 form, TANF letter, SSI letter or signed statement from current employer)

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- Child’s Birth Certificate
- Child’s Social Security Card

For more information or applications, please contact the following Head Start centers: Checotah (918) 473-0605, Eufaula (918) 618-6220, Okmulgee (918) 758-1430, Tulsa (918) 296-0357, Yardekka (918) 652-3822, Wetumka (405) 379-6693, Okemah (918) 623-2000.

Muscogee Festival Parade deadline set for Friday, June 18

Media Release

MCN Tourism & Recreation

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Parade will be held Saturday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m., in Okmulgee, Okla.

The Festival Committee is now accepting applications for the MCN Festival Parade.

Participants

may enter a float to advertise a company and MCN departments, communities, ceremonial

grounds, churches and organizations are also encouraged to enter. New to this year’s parade will be an ‘Indian’ car competition.

All participation is free and the deadline for entry is June 18, 2010.

For more information, visit the Festival Event section on the MCN web

site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov for an application or contact Melinda Deeringwater at (918) 759-4172.



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And Still the Waters Run: *Gunfight at Spokogee*

George Windes
CMCA Historian

YORBA LINDA, Calif., — The mob near the jail in Spokogee was angry. The deputy and his staff were nervous.

It was decided to move the three prisoners to a more secure facility at Eufaula. A wagon was pulled up and quickly loaded, with rifles clearly visible. Along the way, there were numerous places for an ambush. Deputy Marshall Rutherford noted that when he finally saw Eufaula's respected Deputy Marshall, Grant Johnson, riding to meet them, he felt safe. He stated, "For the first time in my life, I was real grateful to see a black man."

My great, great grandmother, Jenny Bates Brooks, had nine children and buried eight of them. It began with the Civil War. First her husband, Willis Brooks, was killed in his front yard. Then her oldest son John was murdered (body thrown in a sinkhole). It was the beginning of a tale of great woe. Five sons died violent deaths, along with a son-in-law and two grandsons. Southern families were decimated by the war and for decades afterwards. Violence begets violence. Feuding was the accepted method of settling old arguments. Her last son, Henry, was killed within hearing distance of her house, when she was 94. Three of her daughters died of natural causes. A local reporter interviewed Jenny just before her death at age 98. Asked about the losses in her life, the one-fourth Cherokee lady said proudly of her sons, "They all died like men, with their boots on."

Several of Jenny's offspring tie to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. I will attempt to tell their story here. By any definition, they were outlaws. Her sons, Willis & Henry, and her son-in-law Sam Baker, all laid roots in our tribal boundaries and rewrote the histories of Dustin and Checotah. Whatever their means of employment, I treasure our family tales. As the father of Wyatt Earp taught his sons, "Bloods blood and not much else matters."



Photo courtesy of George Windes

Pictured above is Sam Baker seated, with his kin, the Brooks gang. Four of these five men would die violent deaths.

Eventually the surviving Brooks boys found it necessary to get out of Alabama (an old saying is: "GTT" gone to Texas). But Texas also spelled trouble (law officers), so they headed for Indian Territory. The territory had Lighthorse officers for our Native people, but intruders could fade into the brush-covered hills, as it were. Individuals and families, with a wide variety of problems, did just that.

Willis Brooks came first, crossing the Red River around 1886. His family included eight sons. He 'acquired horses and cattle' and built a nice ranch at Dogtown, about one mile from where Dustin is located today. In 1894, his close brother-in-law, Sam Baker, brought his own large family to Checotah. Henry Brooks arrived and worked for Willis. The breaking of Clifton Brooks out of Eufaula jail and shooting of Tom Brooks during a rob-

bery attempt in 1900, kept the family in the news. The Brooks males held the James McFarland family responsible for Tom's death and bad blood erupted. A few years later land developers decided to sell lots in a proposed town named Spokogee. Willis Brooks was not happy having civilization so close.

A land sale was scheduled for July 1, 1902. The lots were offered at \$25 each, by the promoters (I have a receipt). But things turned nasty when Brooks and McFarland's ran into each other there. Bloodshed was avoided, but Sam Baker climbed on his wagon and "gobbled like a Indian." The crowd dissipated quickly, the promoters not happy.

The morning of September 22, 1902 was clear, after a heavy rain the night before. Willis and two of his sons rode to town (Henry "peg-leg" Brooks stayed at the ranch to search for scat-

tered cattle). When they entered the post office, they met George Riddle, who had joined the McFarland faction. Words were exchanged, and as Riddle ran from the building, he was mortally wounded. The McFarlands, who had moved quietly into place across Main Street, opened fire on the Brooks. Willis was killed, his son Clifton killed, his son John critically injured. It was an event oft-times relived through the years in Spokogee (Creek for "near to God"). The name was changed to Dustin before long.

The Brooks bodies were taken to Eufaula to the undertaker, then by train to Checotah. They were buried near Tom Brooks and Frances Brooks Baker, Sam's wife. Three weeks later, James McFarland was ambushed and killed, probably because of his participation in the gunfight. His Creek wife, Sarah Ann Watson, was riding in the wagon with him when he was shot. Her brother, Santa Ana Watson, sided with McFarland in the feud. His wife, Anna Howell Watson, was my blood relative, as were all the Brooks family. Sometimes you can have kin on both sides of a disagreement, even famed shoot outs.

James McFarland and many of the Watsons are buried at Wiley-Watson cemetery in Okfuskee County. Anna Howell Watson had her cabin at Thlewarié Mekko Sapku Coko (Baptist church) for many years. Once her youngest son, Tommy, woke up in his sleeping bag in front of the pulpit, during a early preaching service (embarrassing for a teenager).

Tom Watson later became the constable and Mayor of Dustin.

Windes has been an active member of the California Muscogee Creek Association for nearly a decade and is currently serving on the Board as historian. He may be reached at: georgewindes@gmail.com



School Clothing Program now accepting applications

Media Release
Social Services

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Program 2010/2011, will be accepting applications through until September 3, 2010 at 5 p.m.

This program is open to all Muscogee citizen students no matter where they live within in the U.S. This program does operate with specific guidelines, which are available by contacting Muscogee (Creek) Nation Social Services.

Assistance is given on a per-child basis, not per household and home schooled children are also eligible for participation.

Applications may be picked up at the following locations:

- The School Clothing Program office, located behind the Social Services building at 2971 N. Wood Drive, Okmulgee, OK 74447.
- Any Creek Nation Child Development Center
- Any Creek Nation Indian Community Center
- You may download the application at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov
- Or call (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1(800) 482-1979 for an application to be mailed or faxed to you directly

All applications must be returned or mailed to: School Clothing Program, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not fax or e-mail the application to us. We must have original documentation submitted to process school clothing applications.

For more information, please contact the School Clothing Program at (918) 756-2024 or toll free at 1 (800) 482-1979.

CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

P.R.I.D.E. Summer Camps

OKMULGEE — The Community Diabetes Prevention program of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will offer Summer Youth day camps that stress healthy lifestyles and diabetes prevention. The three-day camps include:

- Playing games to learn how to prevent diabetes
- Enjoying healthy foods and traditional Creek foods
- Team-building and physical challenges
- Water fun at Big Splash

These camps will be free to any American Indian youth 10-15 years of age. Campers must have a chart at one of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation clinics or have a CDIB card. Each camp will take the first 35 youth to sign up and priority will be given to first-time campers.

Call the Exercise Manager at the clinic nearest you to register your child for three days of summer fun and learning.

Okemah Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 12-14. Contact Irene Culley at (918) 636-8735.

Koweta Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 13-15. Contact Taylor Thompson at (918) 807-1561.

Eufaula Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 19-21. Contact Kimberlee Little at (918) 637-9684.

Okmulgee Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 20 - 22. Contact William Fixico at (918) 637-9683.

Sapulpa Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 27-29. Contact Duane Meadows at (918) 695-1325.

VASO hosts "Dunk a Vet!"

OKMULGEE — On Saturday 26 June 2010 from 1300-1600 hours, the MCN VASO will be hosting the first annual "Dunk a Vet!" dunk booth at the Veterans' Building at the MCN tribal complex.

This event will be \$5 for three throws and participants will have a chance to dunk MCN veterans from all branches of service including: Navy,

Air Force, Army and Marines as well as various members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and the Principal Chief and Second Chief.

Snow cones and Cokes will be for sale and popcorn will be free and plenty of seating will be available for this event. All ages are welcome and everyone is encouraged attend this event.

For more information, contact VASO at (918) 732-7744.

Glenpool Food Bingo

GLENPOOL — The Glenpool Indian Community is hosting a food bingo, which will take place on June 19, 2010.

The bingo will be held in the activity building behind the Smoke Shop at 6:30 p.m.

MCN Festival Deadlines

OKMULGEE — The MCN Festival Deadlines are looming for the following events.

Horseshoes - June 21

Golf Tournament - June 23

Co-Ed Volleyball - First 20 teams

For more information on Festival activities and events, contact Dustin at (918) 732-7992.

MCN Walking Program

OKMULGEE — The MCN Walking Program is requesting walking log sheets dated as far back as March 1, 2010 for their participants. Deadline for acceptance of logs is June 18, 2010. For more information, please contact Cheryl at (918) 858-9788, or (800) 782-8291 Ext. 236.

Kialegee Netv

WETUMKA — The Kialegee Tribal Town will host their annual celebration beginning at 10 a.m., June 19, 2010 at the Kialegee Tribal Town Life Center, Wetumka, Okla.

Kids games, 3 on 3 Basketball, Volleyball, Dominoes, Horseshoes, Food Bingo, History, Fashion of Early Years, Gospel Singing and vendors

will be part of the celebration.

For more information call (405) 452-3262.

Thunder Road Theater

OKMULGEE — The Thunder Road Theater will perform two plays in the Tulsa area completely in the Mvskoke language.

The first performance will be i Okmulgee, June 20 at 4:30 p.m. at the Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative warehouse.

The second performance will be scheduled for the Glenpool or other Tulsa area Creek Indian Community Center on Monday, June 21, 2010.

Cost is \$3.00 per person.

For updated times and locations, please contact Okcate Smith at (918) 607-8547.

Senior Activities

OKMULGEE — The senior activities for the 36th annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival will take place June 25, 2010, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., with breakfast, games and lunch at the Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center.

For more information, please call (918) 732-7614.

Indian Art Festival

OKMULGEE — The Creek Council House Indian Art Festival will be held on June 26, 2010.

For more information call (918) 756-2324.

Bruner Family Reunion

LAMAR — The Bruner Family will host a family reunion beginning at 6 p.m. July 2, 2010. The festivities will continue through Saturday with food and garage sales beginning at 9 a.m.

Please bring covered dish, photos, ice and lawn chairs.

For more information call Rick or Yahnah Harjo (405) 374-1217.

McCombs Family Reunion

EUFAULA — The McCombs

Family Reunion will be held beginning at 10 a.m., July 3, 2010 at the Tuskegee Baptist Church.

Program will include family recognition, gospel singing and potluck luncheon.

Festival of Eagles


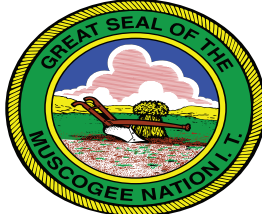
OKMULGEE — On June 26, 2010 the first annual Festival of Eagles will take place at the Creek Council House Museum. This one-of-a-kind family festival will include many fun and exciting activities for children, parents and grandparents alike.

Some of the activities that will be taking place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., include; storytelling, physical activities, food and prizes. All Festival of Eagle events are free.

"We can prevent diabetes and, as we learn from the Eagle Books, we can look to our elders and traditions for wisdom about living in a healthy way," said Gloria Moore, MCN Diabetes Program Family Therapist. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend."

For more information, please contact the Division of Health at (918) 756-4333.

MOVIE NIGHT!




ATTENTION: MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CIVILIANS

In honor of our Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival and In Appreciation of Muscogee (Creek) Civilians
Your Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veterans will be hosting

"MOVIE NIGHT"
(Friday, 25 June 2010)

ALL MUSCOGEE (CREEK) CIVILIANS

- Showtime - 2100 Hrs. - Friday, 25 June 2010
- Location - Veterans Building (MCN Complex)
- Movie - The 1953 classic **"WAR OF THE WORLDS"** (with Gene Barry & Ann Robinson)
- Drinks - Coke & Diet Coke (Free Of Charge)
 - Chow - Popcorn (Free Of Charge)
 - Smoking Lamp is Lit
- Price of Admission - FREE (Adults only)
- Any questions call Shawn Taryole at the MCN VASO (918) 732-7745



36th annual Muscogee Festival set for June 24-27

Friday, June 4

7 p.m.

• Miss/ Jr. Miss Muscogee Nation Pageant—Henryetta High School Auditorium—1800 W. Troy Aikman Drive, in Henryetta

Saturday, June 12

11 a.m.

• Muscogee Royalty Reception—Council House Museum—106 West 6th, Downtown, Okmulgee

Friday, June 18

6:30 p.m.

• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
• Arts and Crafts
• Food Vendors

Saturday, June 19

8 a.m.

• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament
• Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gym—1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive

11 a.m.

• Arts and Crafts
• Food Vendors
7 p.m.
• Live Entertainment

Sunday, June 20

8 a.m.

• Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

Thursday, June 24

1 p.m.

• Traditional Games —West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex
7:30 p.m.
• Stomp Dance—South of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex

Friday, June 25

8 a.m.

• Junior Olympics — Harmon Stadium — 601 E. 12th Street

• Senior Citizens' Activities — Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center

• Farmers' Market

8:30 a.m.

• Golf Tournament (Scramble)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course - Checotah

9 a.m.

• Traditional Games — West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex

10 a.m.

• Children's Fun Fair

5 p.m.

• Arts & Crafts

• Food Vendors

5:30 - 7 p.m.

• Living Legends

6:30 p.m.

• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament

6:30 - 9 p.m.

• All-Indian Rodeo — Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena

9 p.m.

• Live Entertainment - Randy Houser

Saturday, June 26

8 a.m.

• Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament—Okmulgee Middle School Gymnasium - 1421 E. Martin Luther King Drive

• 5k Walk/Run

• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament

• Horseshoe Tournament

• Children's Fun Fair

• Farmers' Market

8:30 a.m.

• Golf Tournament (Individual Qualification)—Fountainhead Creek Golf Course

9 a.m.

• Volleyball Tournament

9 a.m. - 12 noon

• Child Safety Seat Check—Parking Lot North Entrance MCN tribal complex

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

• Council House Indian Art Festival—106 West 6th, Downtown Okmulgee

10 a.m.

• Festival Parade—Main Street (6th Street), Okmulgee

• All-Indian Rodeo Slack—Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena

11 a.m.

• Arts & Crafts

• Food Vendors

2-6 p.m.

• Creek Hymn Singing and Gospel Singing—South of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex

3 p.m.

• Traditional Games — West of Mound Building, MCN tribal complex

6-9 p.m.

• Rodeo Finals — Bob Arrington Rodeo Arena

7 p.m.

• Live Entertainment — Jamie Coon

9 p.m.

• Live Entertainment — The Temptations

Sunday, June 27

8 a.m.

• Fast Pitch Softball Tournament

• Farmers Market

• Children's Fun Fair

11 a.m.

• Arts & Crafts

• Food Vendors

All events unless otherwise noted will take place at the Claude Cox Omniplex in Okmulgee, Okla. Shuttle parking will be available at Housing and east of the Mound Building. All events are subject to change.

For more information, contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732-7992.

DUNK A VET!

1300 - 1600
SATURDAY, 26 JUNE 2010

In honor of our Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's VASO invites you to exercise your throwing skills in the 1st Annual "Dunk A Vet!" at the Veterans' building, Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. This event will be \$5 for three throws and participants will have a chance to dunk MCN Veterans from all Service Branches as well as various members of our MCN National Council and our Principal Chief and Second Chief will also participate. Snow Cones and Cokes will be for sale and Popcorn will be Free. Ample seating will be available for this event. All ages welcome.

DUNKING SCHEDULE

1300 - 1330	U.S. NAVY They're first because they're used to the water - Swabbies
1330 - 1400	U.S. AIR FORCE Too much time in the air, Bring 'em down! - Flyboys
1400 - 1430	MCN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS We really shouldn't dunk them!!!
1430 - 1500	PRINCIPAL CHIEF & 2ND CHIEF We really shouldn't dunk them!!!
1500 - 1530	U.S. ARMY The largest Regiment in our tribe... Payback Time!!! - Grunts
1530 - 1600	U.S. MARINE CORPS Naturally, the Best for the last. - Jarheads

For more info contact:
Fannie Barnett - 918-732-7744, Shawn Taryole - 918-732-7745 or Ken Davis - 918-732-7739

Program Spotlight: MCN Realty Department

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — With stacks of paperwork awaiting their new home in the secure vault being built on the tribal complex, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Realty Department Manager, Sonya Lytch's office is piled high with documents for review. The MCN Realty staff works to keep all paperwork organized for individual and tribal land, which is placed in and out of trust according to Lytch.

"The usual number of items we review each day averages at around 100 files, with the girls in the back office possibly working through more than that," said Lytch.

"The Realty Department is a self-governance program that is funded solely through the Bureau of Indian Affairs," continued Lytch. "We deal with restricted and trust lands only."

For example, Fountainhead, which

right of ways, oil and gas leases, etcetera, contained inside," said Lytch. "It is basically like having a mini-abstract on each one, called a Title Status Report (TSR), which shows the ownership of the property from the time of allotment. Some of these are on old onion skin paper and that is the only thing we have left of them, so we're in the process of scanning a lot of them."

Once Realty has scanned all the files, they will be able to utilize word recognition software to search within records for specific items.

"[We will] Have a public folder where each one can pull it up, by name under different categories, but a person must know the name or category in which to look," said Lytch. "With the word recognition software, it will be much easier to locate the needed information."



MNN/Melodie Reader

Pictured above is Muscogee (Creek) Nation Realty Department Manager Sonya Lytch, searching through thousands of documents, which will be moved to a more secure storage area in order to be protected against aging.

"You've got to be passionate about this job, otherwise you're never going to work out here."
— Sonya Lytch Realty Department Manager

is going through the process of placement into USA Trust, would fall under their jurisdiction.

"We deal with putting the land in USA Trust," said Lytch. "All of the land that was originally allotted. We also answer quiet title suits for land that may still have some restrictions on it, for instance, if someone is trying to buy it. If there is still restricted land there, we answer those suits."

Realty also works on probates and title changes.

"I have an appraiser on staff that does the appraisals for my leases, trust probates, fee appraisals for the tribe on the tribal side," explained Lytch.

The department also maintains control of the title and allottee files in their office. With so many files on hand, a secure location was required, per an audit, to keep the files secure and in a fire safe zone. The new vault is expected to be completed by the end of June.

"We have the title file which would have the abstract, legal description,

There are regulations and restrictions which the department must follow to ensure they have covered all the bases for each individual or tribal entity that requests assistance.

"The hardest thing about working in here is that people don't know that the Five Civilized Tribes Indian owned land is different from any other tribe," explained Lytch. "Because if you're less than half-blood, with FCT then your land can become unrestricted."

"So, we're responsible for taking your land off the tax rolls and putting it back on the tax rolls when there is a change of blood quantum or ownership," said Lytch. "That's our responsibility."

"So, once the probate's done, we change title and if we see someone's land is suppose to be back on the tax rolls then it is our responsibility to put them back on the tax roll," continued Lytch. "Then we file it down at the court house. The land is no longer tax exempt."

The land is then taxable by the lo-

cal County Assessor's Office for property taxes. Once a piece of land is no longer tax exempt, the property owner is responsible for paying property tax on the property.

Counties that fall within the jurisdictional boundaries of the MCN Realty Department include: Wagoner, Tulsa, Creek, Rogers, Okmulgee, Muskogee, McIntosh, Okfuskee, Hughes, parts of Seminole and Mays Counties.

"On a daily basis our office verifies restrictions for the Lighthorse, DHS and Social Security and on a daily basis one of my girls verifies land, if it's within those jurisdictional boundaries for our Social Services program," said Lytch.

Usually, they receive about ten requests a day for this action. For citizens to apply for assistance, they need to live within the boundaries of Creek Nation.

It is sometimes harder for Realty to verify locations that are a rural routes or a rental units. They also pay to utilize a program with the County Assessor's web site to help find the location if they

cannot be found easily.

"Working with the people is the best thing about this job. What I tell our people everyday is, from our front desk clerk to one of our realty specialists, if anybody comes to the window I want everyone to be able to help," said Lytch. "So, we did TSR in-house training with our employees to help cross-train and have knowledgeable staff who are able to help. That is always one of the most pleasing things about the job."

The Realty Department is organized by legal description or allottee name and most land owners know their roll number, so that makes it easy to find, according to Lytch.

"I try to teach the staff that, if that was your mom and dad coming up here spending their last \$5 in gas, you don't want them to come up here have nobody be able to help them and have them leave disappointed," continued Lytch.

A 'Wall of Fame' with thank-you letters from citizens hang in the office

to remind staff members of the reason they do this.

"We have such old records," said Lytch. "Most people have handwritten their letters back in the 20s and 30s, and that's grandma and grandpa's writing and we try to preserve that for them."

"You can see what they wrote back then and how they handled their business," continued Lytch. "You've got to be passionate about this job, otherwise you're never going to work out here."

The MCN Realty Department works in conjunction with the BIA and MCN Attorney General's office to help place acquisitions into USA Trust for tribal properties and for individuals.

They also provide a variety of services to citizens which include: removal of restrictions, mortgage approval, appraisals, environmental, leases, trust acquisitions, probates, right-of-way, and land analysis.

For more information on the MCN Realty Department, call (918) 732-7713.

OBITUARIES

STEPHANIE J CRADDOCK

GLENPOOL — Stephanie Jean Craddock, age 46 passed away Monday, April 5, 2010 at her parents Glenpool residence surrounded by her loving family members after fighting a lengthy illness for years.

Stephanie was born April 11, 1963 in Fresno California to Daniel James Givens and Shirley Dean (Salters) Givens. Stephanie graduated from Tranquility High School in Tranquility California. Stephanie was on her high school tennis team and a majorette with her high school band. She was a homemaker and a devoted mother who loved her children dearly.

She is survived by her parents: Jim and Shirley Givens of Glenpool, her son Zachary Craddock of Marlow, her daughter Caitlin Craddock of Fresno, her brother Marshall Givens of Glenpool, her sister Tracy Davis Marlow, and her grandma, Lorene Salters of Glenpool.

Funeral services were held Wednesday April 14, at Sterling-Smith Funeral Directors in Fresno, California. Interment followed the services at Fresno Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were entrusted to Danial C. Schaudt of Schaudts Glenpool Funeral Service & Cremation Care.

BEATRICE DEERE



TULSA — Beatrice Deere 81, born on July 20, 1928, fought bravely but lost her battle with cancer on April 25, 2010. She was a full blood member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and she was a fluent speaker of the Mvskoke language.

Deere was a retired nurse, who worked 38 years for St. Johns Hospital in Tulsa. She was a loving mother and grandmother to 16 grandchildren. She was a life long member of the Indian Methodist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Brenda Howell, of the home in Glenpool, sons, Ben Conrad of Tulsa, Marty Conrad of Lander, Wyo., Daniel Wind of Henryetta, and grandson Richard Howard Barnett, Jr., of Tulsa.

She is preceded in death by son, Richard Howard Barnett, husband, Jackson Deere, and parents, Robert Carr and Minnie Harjo.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at Rose Hill Funeral Home.

SUSIE J. ESKAMIRE



HOLDENVILLE — Funeral services for Susie J. Eskamire were held Monday, June 7, 2010 at Hudson Phillips Chapel with Rev. Ed Bear officiating.

She was laid to rest at Cedar River Church Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Chris May, Ronald Franks, Norman Franks, Christopher

Franks, Christopher Lovato, and Victor Bear.

Susie Jean Franks Eskamire was born April 30, 1938 in Sasakwa, Okla. She passed away Wednesday, June 2, 2010 in Holdenville, Oklahoma at the age of 72 years, one month and three days.

Daughter to Taylor and Emma (Att McGirt) Franks, Susie was born blind but managed to live a full and wonderful life. She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband of several years, Sylvester Eskamire; She and Sylvester were married in Oklahoma City on March 5, 1968; he passed away in December 1997.

Susie was a member of Cedar River Indian Baptist Church, baptized in 1962. Susie was of Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole decent and a member of the Alligator Clan. She and was fluent in her native language. Susie enjoyed listening to Elvis Presley and books on tape. Susie loved to make people laugh and spend time with family and friends.

Susie was a dedicated volunteer for the League for the Blind in Oklahoma City and a dedicated mother; she managed to raise two daughters in spite of her disability. Susie will most be remembered for her ability to maintain her positive attitude through all the trials of her life. In 2007, Susie was honored as the "Outstanding Elder" by the American Indian Elders Conference.

Survivors include her daughters: Pamela Eskamire and William Fixico of Holdenville; and Lucinda Myers and husband, Matt, of Oklahoma City; one brother, Charlie Franks and a sister, Betty Taylor, both of Holdenville.

Susie leaves her grandchildren: Christopher May, Elijah Myers, and Kysa Myers, all of Oklahoma City in addition to a host of other family and friends.

ARTHUR LEE JOHNSON

BRISTOW — Arthur Lee Johnson, 72, of Bristow, went to

play music for the Lord, on April 3, 2010. Johnson was born on February 28, 1938 in Preston, Oklahoma. He was a proud member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Johnson raised his family in the Tulsa-Sapulpa area. He was a skilled carpenter and belonged to the Carpenter's Local Union 943. He also, worked for the City of Tulsa as an inspector for Urban Development. He passed his knowledge and skill of carpentry on to his sons.

Johnson will forever be loved by his devoted wife, Billie Johnson, of the home. He be remembered by his three sons and two daughters, Robert Dutton and wife, Mary of Bristow, Lonnie Dutton of Bristow, Rick Dutton and wife Jeri, of Mannford, Cathy Gilbert and husband Clifford, of Mannford, Lori Gregory and Husband, Ken of Sapulpa. He was a friend to his brother in law, Chuck Murdock and wife Jodie, of Tulsa. He was respected by his grandchildre, Quinton Dutton, Jennifer Rader, Amanda Wilson-McIntosh, Shelly Littleton, Justin Dutton, Ashley Gregory, Travis Gregory, Ariaaha Colpitt, Matthew Gregory, Sarah Carter, and Zachary Dutton, along with many great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

Lee joins his mother, Salie Ann Brown, daughter, Judith Johnson, grandson, Jason Dutton-Wolfe, and great grandson Justin Dutton Jr.

A celebration service was held on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 2 p.m. and a wake and visitation service was held on Wednesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. Both services were held at Smith's Funeral Home in Sapulpa.

Lee will always be remembered as a strong man and provider for his family. He loved to play his guitar and sing. He instilled his love of music in his children and grandchildren. He always had a kind word or a joke and made everyone feel special.

ROBERTA LEE POWELL

WETUMKA — Roberta Lee Powell was born July 7, 1962 in Talihina, Okla., to Bobby Powerll and Judy Johnson Powell and passed from this life on June 7, 2010 at her home south of Wetumka at the age of 47.

Roberta was raised in southern Hughes County. She attended Moss School before transferring to the Eufaula Indian Boarding School from which she graduated in 1980. She married Marsey Scott and to this union two daughters were born, Shelia and Elisha.

The family made their home for several years in Okmulgee and returned to Hughes County in 1991. Roberta had been employed by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation some 10 years as a teacher at Yeager Head Start, a secretary in the Citizenship Department and in Child Development. Most recently she had completed training as a dental assistant at Green Country Vo-Tech in Okmulgee.

She loved softball and volleyball and anything that included her grandchildren. She was proceeded in death by her parents and a brother, Harold.

Survivors include her two daughters, Sheila Scott of Wetumka and Elisha Scott of Holdenville; a stepson Nicholas Scott of New York; their father Marsey Scott of Wetumka; three brothers Harry Harjo of Wetumka, Herman Harjo of Holdenville, and Chris Powell of Wetumka; two sisters Bessie Fields of Sapulpa and Bobbie Jean Boyle of Wetumka along with two grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were June 10, at the Thewarle Methodist Church with Rev. Frank Moppin and Rev. Malcolm Tiger officiating.

Pallbearers were nephews Stephen Harjo, Osceola Powell, Jason Harjo, Adrian Harjo, Darrell Powell, and Ronnie Powell. Honorary pallbearers will be J. R. Wind, Danny Wind, Jessie Moppin, Leo Moppin, Roley Johnson, and Clarence Johnson. Interment will be in the Powell Family Cemetery under the direction of Williamson-Spradlin Funeral Home.

BIRTHDAYS

MARLENA ROANHORSE



OKMULGEE — Marlena L. Roanhorse celebrated her ninth birthday by having a picnic outing and a skating party.

Roanhorse is the daughter of Heather and Donny Gibson and te sister Jodyn. She is the grand daughter of Gino and Shelly Roanhorse and great grand daughter of Doris Roanhorse and Wallace Barnes Sr.

Roanhorse is a daughter of the Wind Clan.

BEATRICE HUDSON



WATERFORD, Calif., — Beatrice Hudson of California celebrated her 90th birthday on May 15, 2010. The former Beatrice Peeper Hough was born in Warwick, Ok., and raised in Oklahoma City.

She is the daughter of Everett

Peeper and Lucy Hough. Hudson is descended from the Snow family, through her grandmother, Mary Snow Peeper and still has many relatives living in the Kellyville area. Hudson is an only child and a mother of three, the late Rita, Phil of Calif., and Paul of Idaho. She also has four grand children and five great grand children.

She is married to Buck Hudson, who was raised near Ada, OK. They have lived in Central California since the 1930's and are involved in farming almonds and walnuts. Hudson and her family attend the Waterford Assembly of God Church.

SETH BARNES



OKMULGEE — Seth celebrated his ninth birthday on May 31, with family and friends.

He is a son of the Wind Clan, born to Wallace Barnes Jr. and Jennifer Harley. He is the Grandson of Doris Roanhorse and Wallace Barnes Sr. The late Joe and Betsy Factor and Archie and Betty Motulke are the great grand parents of Seth Barnes

KEITH SPARKS

PEARLAND, Texas — Keiths Sparks a student of the University of Oklahoma recently celbrated a birthday with family and friends..

Sparks is the son of Roley and Helen Marks Sparks. His grandparents are Joseph and Rebecca Marks and great grand parents are John and Margaret Marks. Sparks has one sibling, Jeanette.



BIRTHS

BRETT PALMER



TULSA — Brett Martin Brand Palmer was born March 16, 2010 at Saint Francis Hospital. He was 8 pounds 6 ounces and 21 inches long.

Brett is the son of Laramie and Allison Palmer of Tulsa. The grandson of Harvey and Donna Fields of Jenks, Marty and Pam Palmer of Henryetta and Juan Rivera. He is also the great grandson of John and Merle Morris of Dewar, Merl and June Hays of Norman, Morris and Lola Palmer of Henryetta and Antonio and Maria Rivera of Miami, Fla.

NOKUSE HARJO

GLENPOOL —Nokuse Coachman Harjo was born Jan. 2, 2010 to Tenetke and Neccetia Harjo. He weighed 6l pounds and 6 ounces.

Harjo has two sisters and one



brother and is the grandson of Mike and Sharon Proctor and Mike and Opal Harjo. His great grand parents are Sam and Pauline Proctor and the late George and Christen B. Harjo and the late Joe and Nette Coachman, and Josephine Harjo.

Harjo is of the Sweet Potato Clan.

HANNAH COOLEY

TULSA — Hannah Christine Cooley was born on June 15, 2009 at St. Francis Hospital. She was welcomed into the world by parents, Amanda Durden and Jermaine Cooley.

She has a big sister, Hailey Brooke Cooley. Her maternal grand parents are Christine Durden and the late David Durden of Morris. Her great grand mother is Helen Tiger of Weleetka. Cooley's paternal grandparents are the late Eugene and Denise Cooley of Inglewood, Calif.

Cooley is of the Wind Clan.



LAYLA CHISHOLM



TULSA — Layla Nicole Chisholm was born on Jan. 31, 2010, to Michael and Sarah Chisholm at St. John Medical in Tulsa.

Chisholm weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Chisholms grandparents are Vickie McIntosh, Phillip Fox, Anderson Chisholm Sr., and the late Sheila Chisholm. Great grand parents are Herbert and Martha Fox and the late William and Leaster McIntosh, and Lydia and Sam Chisholm.

Chisholm is of the Wind Clan.

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Legendary Lives

• 36th annual Muscogee (Creek) Festival honors Creek legends



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Pictured from left to right are Living Legend Pete Coser, Jr. Miss Muscogee Nation Ashleigh Johnson, Miss Muscogee Nation Tusa Beaver and Living Legend Patrick E. Moore. The Legends were honored at a ceremony on Friday, June 25, 2010 as part of the 36th annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival.

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — As one of the most anticipated events of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival each year, the Living Legends ceremony honors Mvskoke citizens who

have contributed to Creek culture in a multitude of aspects. For 2010, Dr. Pete Coser and Judge Patrick E. Moore were selected as recipients of this prestigious award.

Both Coser and Moore have served the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in their respective fields of education and law for decades.

SEE LEGENDS - B4

National Council protests Judge's extended term

Rebecca Landsberry and Lee Longhorn
MNN Editor and Multimedia Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court released a decision June 30 regarding the continued service of Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court Judge Patrick Moore for an additional 30 days or until another District Judge has been appointed.

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis commented, "We [the tribe] definitely couldn't go without a judge,

not to be able to function as a tribe in the capacity that we need to."

The National Council filed an 'en banc reconsideration' of the administrative order in the Supreme Court regarding this decision on Friday, July 2.

Ellis feels that this is a direct opposition of judicial power. "The Supreme Court is the final word, and should be respected," said Ellis.

SEE JUDGE - A7

Head Start centers now accepting applications for 2010-2011

Media Release
MCN Head Start

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start Program is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2010-2011 school year. There is no application fee.

Participants should provide the following:

- Income Verification for child's parent(s) (pay stubs, W-2 form, TANF letter, SSI letter or signed statement from current employer)

- Child's Immunization Record
- Child's Medical Card
- Child's CDIB (if applicable)
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Social Security Card

For more information or applications, please contact the following Head Start centers: Checotah (918) 473-0605, Eufaula (918) 618-6220, Okmulgee (918) 758-1430, Tulsa (918) 296-0357, Yardeka (918) 652-3822, Wetumka (405) 379-6693, Okemah (918) 623-2000.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

T.H.; DOB: 11-30-99
K.H.; DOB: 03-23-01
M.H.; DOB: 05-20-08

Alleged Deprived Children

Case No. JV-2010-01

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Unknown Father, Father M.H.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 10TH day of August, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. **YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED** that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP)

OF THE PERSON AND ESTATE OF)

E.L.J.,)

Minor Child.)

Case No. GD-2010-08

Judge Patrick Moore

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Unknown Father

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for guardianship in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. GD-2010-08, styled In re the Matter of the Guardianship of the Person and Estate of E.L.J., a minor child. The action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled to guardianship over the minor child based on abandonment.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioner and appear at the hearing on the 15th day of July 2010 at 10 O'clock A.m. at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Mound Building, Hwy 75 and 56 Loop, Okmulgee, OK or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of May, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee District

By: Sharon McLemathan
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

Letter to the Editor

Citizen thanks Okfuskee Indian Community

OKFUSKEE County — I would like to give a special "Thank You" and "Blessings" to the Okfuskee Indian Community, for all that they do, for their members and others. This community is located In rural Okfuskee County in Oklahoma (north of Okemah, Okla.).

Our board goes beyond their duties, to keep our community thriving. Year 'round, the board and the other members call and visit community members to assist them anyway that they can. Here are just a few of the things that they do:

During the winter months, the icy roads keep a lot of us home. The board calls or visits to see if we need transportation to the store, to doctor's

appointments, or just to go visiting. They deliver fire wood to those who use it for heat and meals to those ill or disabled.

This year I know that, they went out all hours of the day and nights to help others that were stranded on icy roads, due to the weather mishaps. I know because, my family was one in need of this type of assistance.

This year a tornado hit our community. Soon after the storm, the board and several members went visiting. They helped with minor home repairs, cleaning fallen trees and branches and checked on all members, especially the elders.

In the Spring, the board chairperson plows garden plots for many in the

community. This year, one of which was my granddaughter. She planted her first garden. Recently, a board member delivered to my family, fresh clean, ready-to-eat vegetables from the community garden. A garden that was planted and tended by the board and a few other members. I was overwhelmed with appreciation, for the fresh vegetables.

It brought to mind memories of the past. Memories of how our parents, grandparents, relatives, and neighbors helped each other, in times like these. I remembered times, when someone would come by our home and tell the elders with no phones about a neighbor being ill or having a hard time. Soon after, my mother and grandmother

would get to cooking food to go visiting. My dad and grandfather would get the wagon ready to go visiting.

The elders always knew what was needed. Families would go visiting, have prayer, and do whatever they could for the neighbor. No one was asked, they just did.

That's what our community board and members do, without expecting anything in return, so, "Dear Editor," please print this letter as a special thank you and a special blessing to the Okfuskee Indian Community, for carrying on the teachings of our elders (caring for thy neighbors).

— Nancy (West) Watson
Okfuskee Indian Community
Member

District Court filings for April 2010

The District Court filings from April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010 are as follows:

Civil:

Nathan Stephens	Name Change
Pat & Mae Bevenue v. Ron & Bea Ann Epperson	Foreign Judgment
Teresa King	Name Change
Spiritbank, an Oklahoma Baking Corporation v. A.D. Ellis, in his official capacity as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Trade and Commerce Authority	Petition
Royal Finance v. Tammy Rabbit	Small Claims
Sherlene Krigbaum v. Henry Bear	Foreign Judgment
National Quik Cash v. Jerry Wittman	Small Claims
National Quik Cash v. Elizabeth Edwards	Small Claims
A.D. Ellis, in his official capacity as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation v. Henry Harjo, Dean Hughes, Brett Thomas and Ronnie West	Petition
Okemah Public Schools v. Kimberly Smith	Foreign Judgment

Divorce:

Nicholas Farrow v. Marlie Farrow	Divorce
Shelly Wagner v. Roger Wagner	Divorce
Samuel Marsey Jr., v. Caryln Marsey	Divorce
Rhonda McMunn v. Marc McMunn	Divorce
Cynthia Thygesen v. Aaron Montgomery	Divorce
Jennifer Myers v. James Myers	Divorce
Marla Byrum v. Michael Byrum	Divorce
Barbara Haque v. Kaz Haque	Divorce
Lynda Dickerson v. James Dickerson	Divorce
Nicholas McBride v. Kyrsten McBride	Divorce
Felix Hill v. Rhonda Hill	Divorce

Family Domestic:

OCSE, ex rel., Katy Newton v. Christopher Littleman	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Valerie Terrell v. Phillip Terrell	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., April Lee v. Jared Cole	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Vanessa Berryhill v. Ben Harper	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Joyce Anderson v. Kimberly Gaines	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Sampson Remis v. Donna Davis	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Joyce Anderson v. Alex Davis	Child Support
OCSE, ex rel., Amber Talamasy v. Joe Jackson	Child Support

Ex-Parte:

Nedra Thompson v. Brandon John	Ex-Parte
Tina Tarpalechee v. Isabelle Tecumseh-Butler	Ex-Parte
Marc Roberts v. Melissa Finch	Ex-Parte
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Criminal Felony:

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MCN v. Jennifer Brown

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Letter from MNN Editor:

Estonko readers!

It was a pleasure to shake so many hands and see so many Mvskoke faces during the 36th annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival this past week. For the editorial staff, it's a time of work and play because we get the opportunity to attend a number of events while also capturing images for the festival edition of the MNN, which you are currently holding in your hands. I think I got story ideas that may carry us until the next festival and I can't complain one bit.

I say it every year, but I still can't quite figure out how those softball players make it through the day (and night) and still play as well as they do with the heat, exhaustion and well, not get heat exhaustion. My hat is off to you and all the athletes that participated this year.

Congratulations to the winners of every event. If you're looking to see how your favorite team fared in the end, be sure to check out pages F2-F4 for the final results.

It is a sight to see everyone coming together to enjoy time spent with other citizens, friends and family members in all things Mvskoke. I'm not sure how traditional a food turkey legs are considered, but I'm Creek and I like them, so I think we should add them to every Creek meal.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at RLandsberry@muscogeena-tion-nsn.gov



Veterans' Scoop

Staff

Veterans Affairs Service Office

The Veterans' Scoop will feature articles and updates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and other credible sources.



VA changes to Medication copays and reduces paperwork

WASHINGTON, D.C., —

As previously announced on January 7, 2010, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) froze prescription copayment increases for six months.

Veterans who generally have higher income and no service-connected disabilities - referred to as Priority Groups 7 and 8 Veterans - will now pay an additional \$1 for each 30-day supply of outpatient medications.

Taking effect July 1, the increase to \$9 from \$8 is the first change in VA's medication copay since Jan. 1, 2006.

"Because of the harsh economic reality facing many veterans, we delayed the change," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "We're now ensuring the veterans most in need of VA care are those least affected. Yet, even with this increase, VA medication copays are lower than much of the private sector."

This change does not impact Veterans in Priority Groups 2 through 6 who will continue to pay \$8 for each 30-day supply of medications for their non-service connected conditions unless otherwise exempted. These Veterans will also continue to have their out-of-pocket expenses for VA outpatient medications capped at \$960 per calendar year.

Veterans who have an injury or illness connected with their military service resulting in a disability rated

50 percent or greater, who are known as Priority Group 1 Veterans are exempt from the copay.

VA generally sets its outpatient medication copay rate based upon a regulation that ties the rate to the Medical Consumer Price Index for prescription drugs.

Veterans who have difficulty paying copayments for outpatient medications should discuss the matter with their local VA enrollment coordinator.

Veterans may also contact VA at 1-877-222 VETS (8387) or visit VA's health eligibility Web site at www.va.gov/healtheligibility

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is reducing the paperwork for veterans seeking compensation for disabilities related to their military service.

VA has shortened application forms to reduce paperwork for veterans. The new forms, which are available on the VA's Web site at www.va.gov/vaforms, include:

- A shortened VA Form 21-526 for Veterans applying for the first-time to VA for disability compensation or pension benefits is now available via Web download, and will be available through VA's online claim-filing process later at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

- VA Form 21-526b for veterans seeking increased benefits for conditions already determined by VA to be service-connected.

Disability compensation is a tax-free benefit paid to a Veteran for disabilities that are a result of, or worsened by, injuries or diseases that happened while on active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty training. For more information, go to www.va.gov or call 1-800-827-1000.

Clarification of Muscogee (Creek) Nation community boundaries

Media Release

MCN Community Development

OKMULGEE — For the past year the Community Research and Development Department in conjunction with other MCN Administrative departments have been working on the major issue of defining MCN Community Boundaries.

CR&D was requested to assist with this project and work with various MCN departments and agencies. This quest was prompted by the fact that many of the MCN Community boundaries overlap and some communities have areas that are not designated to any community. This leaves Creek citizens, who reside outside of a community boundary disenfranchised, in other words, without an

opportunity to enjoy the benefits of community involvement.

The recent implementation of a Geo Spatial (GIS) Department at tribal headquarters has been invaluable in mapping Community boundaries according to community constitutions. Geo Spatial, headed by Frank Harjo, has provided excellent maps which enables Community's to see their boundaries, including open areas not accessed by any community, as well as any overlapping areas to another community. These maps are beneficial to Communities to determine what community a citizen is eligible for membership in their community.

CR&D and other administrative staff have been meeting with com-

munities. Many of the Communities have welcomed this effort openly and are eager to clear up boundary dilemmas that exist in the communities.

It is the nation's request that communities whose boundaries meet or overlap work with CR&D and those communities who assess and determine what is the best way to ensure that the entire MCN boundary is covered by communities. This ensures that all Muscogee (Creek) Citizens living in the MCN boundary proper should have the opportunity to benefit from and offer their input into a community environment.

Social Services energy assistance announcement: LIHEAP now available

Media Release

MCN Social Services

OKMULGEE — LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is available for low-income Native families residing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation service boundaries.

New participants may apply beginning June 14, 2010. We will continue to take applications through September 30, 2010, or until the funds are exhausted.

To apply for services, please choose one of the following options:

Applicants may choose to apply:

1) IN PERSON - No appointment is necessary and clients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Office hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. We are located at 2971 N. Wood Drive, just north of Housing.

2) BY MAIL – Please mail all documents to: MCN Social Services,

Attn: LIHEAP, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not mail your cards or original documents.

3) BY FAX – Please fax all documents to 918-759-9988 and include a cover sheet addressed to LIHEAP.

4) IN YOUR COMMUNITY – Please contact our office to find out when we will be visiting your community.

Those who wish to apply should provide:

1) Tribal enrollment cards and Social Security cards for everyone in the household

2) Driver's License for those without a tribal enrollment card

3) Electric bill

4) Copies of all income sources

5) Phone number (in case we need to contact you)

6) Authorization for Social Services to sign the application (if mailing or faxing)

7) Non-Duplication statement: Statement detailing any assistance received in the past 12 months from any federal, state, tribe, community, and/or church agency or the like with utilities and/or deposits.

8) Additional documentation may be required based on your individual situation.

Applicants should keep paying their bill until they receive an approval letter. Please allow at least 45 days for processing.

Please contact Social Services at 918-759-2334 if you need additional information. The toll-free number is 1-800-482-1979 ext. 7995.

Seminole Little River Mission visits Newtown, N.D., Church of God



Photo Courtesy/Johnny Harjo

Members of Seminole Little River Mission Church in Seminole, Okla., and Dewar United Pentecostal Church in Dewar, Okla., visited the Church of God Indian Mission as part of an outreach to the Native population in Newtown, S.D., in May 2010 during a week-long revival with the church.

Morning Star hosts local gospel singing



MNN/Melodie Reader

Singing Coordinator Salena Watashe leads attendees in praise and worship songs at the opening of the Morning Star Evangelistic Centers singing on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

MOUNDS — Morning Star Evangelistic Center hosted a singing to help raise funds for their new addition on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

The event was a success according to coordinator Salena Watashe.

“We had 17 groups signed up to sing, but only 15 were able to before the event ended around 1 a.m.,” said Watashe. “For it being the first time we’ve had such an event it was really successful.”

They had around 150 people in attendance with food and drinks available throughout the night in the recreational building.

“The singers and musicians were awesome,” continues Watashe. “We hope to have something special for the singers next year, such a dinner.”

Family groups, individuals and many more participated in this toe-tapping event which ran until the wee hours of the morning.

Groups and individuals from across Oklahoma that participated include: The Cummings Family of Rocky Ford; Melodie Reader of Mounds; Wayfaring Stranger of Tahlequah; Patsy Milliken of Mounds; Soldiers of the Cross of Salina; Virgil and Jan of OKC; Edward Daney of McAlester; The Larry Harrison Family of Seminole; New Creation of Seminole; Visionary of Tahlequah; New Hope of Wewoka; Gospel Highlights of Tulsa; The Harjo Family of Ada; Friends of Jesus of Muskogee; and Benny Hotemah of Muskogee.

Two groups which were signed up to sing but were unable to stay until 1 a.m., included Grave Creek of Hitchita and Lakeside Trio of Holdenville.

For more information on Morning Side Evangelistic Center singings and events, please call (918) 366-6735.



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Green Scene: Canning Fruits and Vegetables

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The tasty of strawberries wafts through the kitchen as fruit is prepared for canning. The delicious smell brings me back to a time when I remember working with my mom and siblings to help prepare fruits and vegetables for long-term storage each year at harvest.

We would can pickles, green beans, beets, tomatoes and squash and make jams and jellies with apples, peaches and strawberries. We couldn't wait to munch on mom's crunchy sweet pickles or eat that yummy apple butter.

However, time marches forward and canning supplies such as jars, lids, rings, rubber spatulas, measuring cups and other utensils required for canning have improved through the years so that high-quality products are now available locally and on-line. Items which are being reused should be checked to ensure that they are in good condition.

Depending upon they type of food product being canned, a pressure canner or hot water bath will be used.

Hot water bath canners are used for acidic foods such as fruits and pickled items, while a pressure canner is used for low-acid or alkaline foods such as vegetables and mushrooms.

Temperatures vary with each type of canning process, recipe and altitude. While food products processed in a water bath at sea level may require somewhere between 180–212° F, a pressure canner at sea level may require somewhere between 240– 280° F.

It is usually best to process fruits and vegetables within 6 – 12 hours of harvest. However, if this is not possible, keep the produce in a cool, shady area and process as soon as possible. It is also possible to use

fresh produce from the supermarket, if the fruit or vegetable is not locally grown.

Wash all food to be canned. Do not use diseased fruit or vegetables. Peel root vegetables and cut small bruised or damaged lesions away prior to canning. This helps prevent spoilage by bacteria.

Depending upon the recipe, process fruit or vegetable according to recipe. Be sure to keep lids hot and on hand for easy use. If canning processing time is less than 10 minutes, sterilize the jars which are to be used.

The process time and heat required to kill bacteria spores varies with each recipe and is important in preventing spoilage. Canners should use a rubber spatula to remove excess air once food is placed in jar, which helps ensure a vacuum seal is created and that food quality is maintained.

Canning my own fruits and vegetables gives me a feeling of satisfaction and joy when the end product is shared with family and friends. So when you harvest your garden, be sure to put a few vegetables or fruit aside and try your hand at canning.

A favorite at our house is Great Grandma Alice's Red Spiced Pickles. These are really over-ripe zucchini that were a delicious treat when I was knee-high to a grasshopper. I didn't realize until I was much older that I wasn't even eating an apple, which is what it tasted like!

For more information on canning check out the United States Department of Agriculture site at www.usda.gov and type "USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning" in the search box located on the upper left-hand corner of the homepage.

Social Services chills out

- A/C units available for elderly citizens

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The sweltering summer heat can be intense for elderly citizens seeking refuge from the sultry temperatures inside their homes and find themselves with inadequate means to cool off.

This is where the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Social Services comes into play. Social Services personnel work diligently to distribute window unit air conditioners to qualified elderly citizens through their a/c program.

The air conditioner program runs from May 1 – September 30 each year, has been in operation for seven years. It continues to grow, according to MCN Social Services Director Julie Ziriaux.

"The program has grown over the past few years, from distributing 45 units in 2008 to 77 units in 2009.

This year, we anticipate a distribution of close to 100 units," said Ziriaux. "We expect the program to grow further as more citizens learn of this program."

MCN enrolled citizens 60 years and older may qualify. Those who have inadequate or no air conditioning or a medical illness that necessitates an air conditioner, such as a respiratory disorder, may qualify as well.

The two sizes available include an 8,000 BTU unit and a 10,000 BTU unit. Social Services will determine the size required for each household.

"We do not receive outside funding for the program, It is 100 percent tribally supported," said Ziriaux. "We will distribute one window unit per household. The size of the window unit will vary with the size of the

room in which it will be utilized."

Citizens who qualify may have the units loaded into their vehicles on-site at the MCN Social Services building which is located at 2971 N. Wood Drive in Okmulgee.

"A part-time staff is also available to help install the units, if required," said Ziriaux.

The air conditioner window units are distributed at no cost to qualified participants and are theirs to own once received.

To participate in the air conditioner program, citizens should contact Social Services where they will be assigned a case worker to assist them with the paperwork process.

For more information on the program call MCN Social Services at (918) 759-2334.

MCN Social Services, TANF and Food Distribution Field Schedule July 2010

Field Site	Location	Date
Bristow	Community Center 9:00 am – 10:30 am	2 nd Thursday of month
Checotah	Community Center 9:00 am – 10:30 am	3 rd Thursday of month
Eufaula	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:30 am	3 rd Tuesday of month
Holdenville	Community Center 9:00 am – 11:00 am	4 th Thursday of month
Koweta	Community Center 8:30 am – 11:00 am	2 nd Tuesday of month
Okemah	Nutrition Center 9:00 am – 10:00 am	2 nd Wednesday of month
Sapulpa	Community Center 9:00 am – 11:00 pm	3 rd Wednesday of month
Weleetka	Community Center 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	2 nd Wednesday of month
Wetumka	Creek Nation offices (old hospital) 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Mondays, beginning July 12

Gubernatorial candidate Drew Edmondson visits MCN complex



Courtesy/MCN National Council

Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma Drew Edmondson spoke to members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council June 19, 2010.

Media Release

MCN National Council

OKMULGEE — Attorney General and candidate for Oklahoma Governor, Drew Edmondson, visited members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council June 19, 2010.

Edmondson stated, "I would like to say how I appreciate the great work of the Creek Nation. And when I think of the economic engine that is exemplified by the Creek Nation, Cherokee, Choctaws and Chickasaws it makes me wonder, as bad as our economy is today and as bad as our budget is on the state level, how much worse it would be if it were not for all the

employees and all of the money that is generated and jobs, and for all the work that's done in health and housing by the nations that are represented here today."

He also stated that he is a long time believer in sovereignty and the government to government relationship.

Other candidates include: Jari Askins, Randy Brogden, Mary Fallin, Robert Hubbard, and Roger Jackson, which will also be invited to visit the tribal complex and speak to members of the National Council.



Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Assistance Program

**START DATE FOR THE SCHOOL CLOTHING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
IS MAY 3, 2010!!**

WHO: The School Clothing Assistance Program is to assist Creek students who are enrolled as a Muscogee Creek Citizen. Students must be 3 years old and enrolled in a certified Head-Start or 4 years old and enrolled in a public/private Pre-K program and no higher than the 12th grade. Home schooled children ages 5 to 18 are also eligible.

WHAT: A grant of \$200.00 to purchase school clothing items and/or foot apparel.

WHEN: Applications will be available beginning May 3, 2010 and will end September 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Applications will be available at the School Clothing Program office, MCN Indian Community Centers and the MCN Child Development Centers. You can also call 918-756-2024 or 800-482-1979 to request an application be mailed or faxed to you! You may also download an application at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov.

For questions or additional information, contact the
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
School Clothing Program
at 918-756-2024 or 800-482-1979

The School Clothing Program Office is located behind the Social Services Building at 2971 N. Wood Drive, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Judge

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Moore's last day as District Judge was scheduled for June 30. On the same day, Chief Justice of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court Jonodev O. Chaudhuri filed an administrative order affirming the judge's continued service for a limited period pending formal replacement.

"As the Chief Justice, it was necessary to issue the Administrative Order to ensure the continuity of the judicial sys-

tem and that the citizens have uninterrupted access to the court," Chaudhuri stated.

In the Supreme Court's administrative order, Chaudhuri cited a Constitutional obligation to "exercise general supervisory control over the courts the Muscogee (Creek) Nation."

In the request for en banc reconsideration, the National Council cites the declination of a replacement due to health issues of the first candidate nominated by Ellis.

According to the request, "... the Principal Chief waited 83 days until April 28, 2010 to present Larry Oliver for appointment for District Court Judge. However, without going into specific details of the medical history or condition of Mr. Oliver, the National Council declined to confirm Mr. Oliver over concerns that his health may have prevented him from serving a full term."

The Council also notes there are provisions in place for the appointment of special judges.

"The National Council stands ready to call an Emergency Session for the confirmation of either a District Court Judge or a Special Judge," according to the request.

According to National Council Speaker Roger Barnett, the majority of the National Council voted to file the "Request for En Banc Reconsideration of Administrative Order" because there were concerns about the continued and uninterrupted access to the Court by the Muscogee (Creek) Citizens, and because

the appointment of Patrick Moore is inconsistent with the laws of the Nation.

"I don't disagree that we need a sitting Judge, but the laws of the Nation have to be followed in order to maintain the integrity of both the Nation and the Judicial Branch. We don't want anyone challenging the authority or Orders of the Court because the Judge was not properly appointed. In addition, what is the point in making laws, if they are not going to be followed?" Barnett stated.



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OIMC hosts 168th annual conference

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Josephine Deere

Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference

OKMULGEE — The 168th Annual Conference for the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference was held June 10-13, 2010 at the Northeast Region Center, northeast of Preston.

The theme for this year's conference was “Reclaiming the Future: Inform, Inspire, Engage.”

Marcus Briggs-Cloud, a Miccosukee and a member of Norman First American UMC and the Tvlahvsee Wvkokiye Ceremonial Ground was the worship leader for this year's conference.

The tribal hymn singing and the Holy Communion liturgy that was written by clergy from OIMC helped set the tone for the spiritualness of the conference.

Four ministerial candidates were presented during the Friday evening services; Rev. Billie Nowabbi was recognized on her retirement Saturday and Rev. Glen Kernell, Jr., was ordained Elder during Sunday morning worship. Rev. July Tecumseh was introduced and welcomed as the new District Superintendent of the Southern District.

Delegates approved a budget of \$1,178,412 for 2011 and approved a recommendation to adopt the Dulac Community Center, Dulac, Louisiana as the conference's mission project for the remainder of the quadrennium.



OIMC/Courtesy

Pictured left to right are Louvina Frank, Lucille Miller, Gloria Ware, Gloria Lowe, Matilda King, Ann Marshall, Pearl Thomas and JoEllen Frank.

At the youth Senior recognition banquet those recognized from the Northeast were Jalisa Ross, Rachel Johnson, Jillian Harjo and Trevor Frank. Jim Chalakee, Pickett Chapel UMC was recognized as man of the year from the Northeast Region by the United Methodist Men's organization at their banquet.

Saturday evenings worship is a time to celebrate Native Language retention in song. Choirs from nine difference congregations across the conference participated in the program as well as a youth and young adult choir that was formulated at conference. Grant Chapel UMC and Broken Arrow UMC were two of the newest choirs to participate.

Director of Interpretation and Programs for Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Josephine Deere said the event could not have been possible without the assistance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

“The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference would like to thank the Muscogee Creek Nation for all the support that was given the Northeast Region for the hosting of the 168th Annual Conference. Without this support our churches would have struggled to offer the type of hosting that they were able to do. We look forward to returning to the Northeast Region in 2013,” Deere stated.

Exercise Programs offered throughout the year

Media Release

MCN Diabetes Programs

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Diabetes Programs offer a variety of community prevention programs for location within the jurisdictional boundaries throughout the year.

The ‘Move It! and Prevent Diabetes’ program is a school-based program and ‘Hop to Stop Diabetes’ is an after school jump rope program beginning in October and lasting through May.

‘Nene Hvkoce’ is a walking

program offered to Native Americans 12 years and older which runs from the fall until summer.

‘Mvskoklke PRIDE’ also sponsors summer camps during the month of July, providing diabetes and nutrition education, games and cultural activities as well as a trip to a water park at the conclusion. Native American youth ages 10-15 may apply in each clinic area.

For more information, please contact an MCN Exercise Program Manager at 9918) 689-2540.

College of the Muscogee Nation continues progress

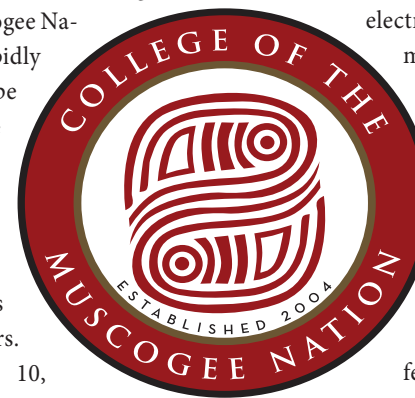
Melodie Reader

MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The sturdy, steel structure of the shell that will become the new College of the Muscogee Nation is rapidly taking shape under the direction of project managers, engineers, architects and planners. The June 10, 2010 construction update meeting outlined the standard items usually discussed

such as safety, submittals, schedules, payments as well as specific items such as, clan emblem samples, electric line and water meter set-up and exterior light poles.

PSO and the City of Okmulgee are working with Don Beck Design and Nabholz Construction to have some features of the building completed by June.



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Coming and Going in Indian Country

by Joy Harjo

This morning a class of university students visited me from UNC Pembroke, led by professors Jane Halliday and Jesse Peters, along with the Isleta Pueblo novelist and IAIA professor Evelina Lucero. The class is traveling about and visiting native writers in the southwest.

We visited over breakfast at Flying Star, and then they came over to my place. I showed them the painting by my grandmother Naomi Harjo, of the Seminole/Creek leader Osceola, who was my great-uncle by way of my grandfather Sam Checote. She signed with her name, and the year 1916. We talked of Osceola and his story and how much he continues to inspire as we continue to challenge the story of America. The talk turned toward the massive oil spill in the Gulf waters. Someone in the class pointed out that oil is blood. Oil is gushing out into the ocean and destroying ocean, earth, and the plants and animals who depend upon clean waters and fertile earth. It is a raw and widening wound. This disaster is so emblematic of the history of the colonizers and the disregard for the life spirit of the natural world. For many, many years oil has been greedily sucked from the earth, with no regard for the spirit of the oil and of the earth, and for the universal law that states we take only what we need. We are not to be greedy. And we are to give back. Oil continues to gush in the thousands and millions of gallons into the beloved waters. Gary Farmer, the Mohawk actor, musician and cultural entrepreneur had told the class the previous morning that so many of these out of control natural disasters are happening because the indigenous people who protected the places were moved or killed and aren't there to take care of them.

In 1990 I was present at a gathering of indigenous peoples from all over the Americas, to discuss where we were as indigenous nations in light of the upcoming hemisphere-wide celebrations of Columbus to take place in 1992. We were meeting up in the mountains at a tribal village just outside Quito, Ecuador. I'll never forget the arrival of the people from the Amazon villages. They walked up to the encampment barefoot, with their beautiful, color-

ful feathers and spears. They came to share a story of American oil companies, and how the lands were being destroyed and their way of life irrevocably broken, as their lands were rich with oil. They came to ask for help.

I keep thinking of the how the wound opened in the Gulf is connected to the initial landing of the explorers who would set off mass destruction of peoples, cultures and resources. It began in the same waters as the spew of oil. Like most of us, I keep watching development of the story on television and on the Internet. Yesterday I watched a man carrying a dolphin in his arms to try and help him. The dolphin was sick from oil contamination. The dolphin died. Now turtles are headed through the slick to lay eggs. Many turtles are being burned by oil fires. I have heard that some of the workers have committed suicide after helping with the cleanup because to see such destruction hurt their spirits. This unnatural natural disaster will have consequences that many cannot even imagine.

My mind always goes back to the prophecies of our own visionary Phillip Deere and others like him. They warned us for many, many years of these earth changes and advised us to change our behavior, but we did not take heed. It is crucial that we don't give up in our minds and hearts as we watch our world shift. As the visionary Deere and others have predicted, the world will be looking towards native people for answers. Will we be ready?

And on another and final note, Mvskoke writer Eddie Chuculate has a new story collection Cheyenne Madonna, fresh from a major literary press: The Black Sparrow Press. It's quite an accomplishment! And citizens in Oklahoma have the opportunity to see and hear him. An event hosted by BookSmart Tulsa and Nimrod International Journal of Prose and Poetry will be held Saturday July 31 at 7 p.m., at Hotel Ambassador, 1324 S. Main St., in Tulsa. It's FREE, and food and drinks will be available.

Please let me know of any other cultural events I can list. Mvto.



Mvskoke Country: Hvyuce, "Little Harvest"

by James Treat

In one story from Mvskoke oral tradition, it is said that an old woman was living in a certain place. She lived alone until an orphan boy came to be with her. He learned to hunt and provide meat, while she fed him tasty dishes made from a mysterious ingredient.

One day he spied on her and discovered that the food came from her body: it was corn, and she was the corn mother. She taught the orphan boy how to care for this new grain, and how to use the different varieties. Then she sent him on a long journey.

Later, when he returned with a wife, the old woman's house was gone. The place was occupied instead by tall, green stalks of corn. And it has been the essential Mvskoke food ever since.

Mvskoke people have acknowledged their dependence on this sacred staple from time immemorial. Even today, the most important annual event at our ceremonial grounds is posketv, known in English as "Green Corn" because it marks the ripening of a new corn crop.

One of the earliest written accounts of the Green Corn ceremony was recorded in 1775 by British-American naturalist William Bartram. He described it as the "principal festival" and "most solemn celebration" in Mvskoke country. Posketv is a "feast of first fruits" that occurs when the "new crops of corn are arrived to perfect maturity."

Each Mvskoke town celebrates separately, Bartram noted, "when their own harvest is ready." After a period of cleaning and preparation, of fasting and purification, a new fire is struck in the town square.

"Then the women go forth

to the harvest field, and bring from thence new corn and fruits, which being prepared in the best manner, in various dishes, and drink withal, is brought with solemnity to the square, where the people are assembled, apparelled in their new clothes and decorations."

The men of the town partake together, then the women and children eat at their homes. That evening all "repair to the public square, where they dance, sing, and rejoice during the whole night, observing a proper and exemplary decorum."

Green Corn thus signals the end of one annual cycle and the beginning of another. It typically happens in the days after summer solstice, initiating the Mvskoke month of Hvyuce, a designation offering further evidence of our agricultural heritage.

The name was formed by modifying the word hvyo, "harvest," with the diminutive suffix -uce, "little." So the first month of the Mvskoke year is Hvyuce, "Little Harvest." Like other months in cokv-walv Mvskoke, it has a counterpart in the yearly sequence—in this case, the month that follows: Hvyo-Rakko, "Big Harvest."

In modern times, citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation extend these traditions when they participate in the Muscogee Nation Festival, which takes place in Okmulgee following the summer solstice. The first such event was held in 1975, two hundred years after William Bartram learned the significance of Green Corn while travelling through Mvskoke country.

This year's thirty-sixth annual Festival was bigger than ever, with a long list of scheduled activities. Not many Mvskokes grow their own corn these days, but the sacred staple could still be found at certain places:

Roasted ears and other corn-based dishes were available from vendors serving food on the Omni-

plex midway.

Fresh, locally grown corn was for sale at the farmers market on the west lawn of the Creek Council House.

Traditional games organized by Cvkotakse Seccvlke, the Mvskoke Bow Shooters Society, included a cornstalk shoot west of the Mound Building.

Senior activities at the Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center featured a safke contest.

The Senior Citizens Gift Shop, located in the main building of the capitol complex, has a great selection of homemade ingredients for traditional foods including safke corn, hominy, and dried sweet corn.

It is also worth noting that the meal served before the stomp dance on Thursday evening, the official opening of the Festival, did not include dishes made from fresh corn, since some of those participating were from ceremonial grounds where they are still fasting in preparation for posketv.

Industrial civilization has not been kind to corn and other living things. Mvskoke people bear an age-old responsibility to care for the vital plants that sustained our ancestors, and that will feed us and our descendants if we respect the sources of life.

You can find more information about Mvskoke country, including an archive of previous columns, at <http://mvskokecountry.wordpress.com/>

I welcome your comments on anything I've written, as well as your suggestions for things I should be writing about. You can reach me by e-mail at treaty@illinois.edu



CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

P.R.I.D.E. Summer Camps

OKMULGEE — The Community Diabetes Prevention program of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will offer Summer Youth day camps that stress healthy lifestyles and diabetes prevention. The three-day camps include:

- Playing games to learn how to prevent diabetes
- Enjoying healthy foods and traditional Creek foods
- Team-building and physical challenges
- Water fun at Big Splash

These camps will be free to any American Indian youth 10-15 years of age. Campers must have a chart at one of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation clinics or have a CDIB card. Each camp will take the first 35 youth to sign up and priority will be given to first-time campers.

Call the Exercise Manager at the clinic nearest you to register your child for three days of summer fun and learning.

Okemah Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 12-14. Contact Irene Culley at (918) 636-8735.

Koweta Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 13-15. Contact Taylor Thompson at (918) 807-1561.

Eufaula Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 19-21. Contact Kimberlee Little at (918) 637-9684.

Okmulgee Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 20 - 22. Contact William Fixico at (918) 637-9683.

Sapulpa Clinic Area Youth Camp will be held July 27-29. Contact Duane Meadows at (918) 695-1325.

58th Annual Tulsa Pow Wow July 16-18

TULSA — The 58th Annual Tulsa Pow Wow will be held at the Spirit Bank Event center in Tulsa on July 16-18. Admission is \$5 per day.

Special contests include a Ladies Five Civilized Tribes Cloth on

Saturday evening, a Women's Fancy Feather dance and an Indian Clown contest on Sunday afternoon.

There will be a concert by The Redmen on Saturday, July 17, at 4 p.m. The 2010-2011 Tulsa Powwow princess is Hope Harjo (Pawnee/Mvskoke).

For more information contact Robert Anquoe at (918) 671-2417.

NICOA fund raisers

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation communities have banded together to sponsor fund raisers for the senior citizens planning to attend to 2010 National Indian Conference on Aging in Traverse City, Mich., in September.

As part of the effort, there will be a dance at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center on Friday, Aug. 13, from 7-10 p.m. The cost will be \$5 per person and refreshments will be provided.

On Saturday, Aug. 14, the seniors will also host a bingo and food sale at Dewar Indian Community beginning at 11 a.m.

Dewar Indian Community Food Sale

DEWAR — The Dewar Indian Community will be hosting a food sale July 17, from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m.

The menu includes salt meat, sour bread, fry bread, sofke soup, chicken, dumplings, blue bread, sweat potatoes and corn among a host of other items.

The cost is \$6 per plate. This fund raiser is to help with the expenses to the National Indian Conference on Aging trip to Traverse City, Michigan.

For more information contact (918) 652-3310.

Gospel Singing

HENRYETTA — New Beginnings Baptist Church will host a gospel singing on Saturday, July 16, in Henryetta.

This is an open singing and it will begin at 6 p.m. There will be a concession available. Herb Billy of the Gospel Lights will be the emcee.

All proceeds go to the New Beginnings Missions Program.

Cold Springs Baptist Revival

KONAWA — Cold Springs Baptist Church will hold a revival July 9-11 at their church in Konawa, Okla. Lunch and supper served on Sunday.

For more information call Kee-no King (863) 599-0439.

NAWS Golf Scramble

CATOOSA — The Native American Warriors Society will be hosting a four person scramble at the Cherokee Hills Golf Club in Catoosa on Saturday, July 17.

Registration begins at 7 a.m., and a shotgun start is set for 8 a.m. Entry fees are \$95 per individual and \$380 for a team of four.

Prizes will be awarded for first

place team, second place team, longest drive (individual), and closest to the pin (individual).

Tournament proceeds will benefit Native American Troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Berryhill/Randall Reunion

HENRYETTA — The 2010 Annual John Berryhill and Amy (Randall) Berryhill will take place on July 31, at the Wilson Indian Community Center in Henryetta.

The reunion is scheduled from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Relatives to the Berryhill/Randall family are welcome.

For more information call (918) 279-0372.

Indian Country Business Summit

NORMAN — The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO) and The American Indian Chamber of Texas (AICTT) will sponsor the fourth annual Indi-

an Country Business Summit (ICBS) August 16-18, in Norman, Okla.

The ICBS is a joint project of several organizations and government agencies who work together to promote economic development and growth in Indian Country.

Topics of discussion range from state issues, to tribal acquisitions to energy, as well as legislative topics that concern small business development in Oklahoma.

Attendees are encouraged to become sponsors for the Summit and Golf Tournament and the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma.

AICCO and AICTT hope to provide Summit participation to business owners at a low cost or even offer scholarships to small business owners so that they may also attend and receive the benefits of the Summit at no cost.

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Progress

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"The structure is fairly well on schedule," said Project Manager Brian Travis. "Both the southern and the northern half will be dried in by the weekend, which means that we can get in there and start the finishes soon."

The College of the Muscogee Nation building completion date is set for November of 2010.

"With the roof dried in, workers will be able to start the drywall process and begin conditioning the structure to get the humidity right for paint, varnish, finishes, wood flooring, whatever is required for the structure," said Project Engineer Scott Seggebruch.

Windows for the front of the curved entrance will not be available until July, so the crew is working to seal the ends with reinforced plastic to keep the inside of the structure free of moisture.

"We're adding reinforced visqueen to the ends of the structure and have covered openings so that we can maintain a moisture-free structure and get ready to apply finishes," said Travis. "This will help keep us on-schedule for the project."

The bid for the signage at the front of the building has been received and will be reviewed by College of the Muscogee Nation officials.

"Everything is really going smoothly," said Morgan. "With all of the planning going into this, it is coming along really well, even with the bad winter we had. The details are very important and will really make this come together."

For more information on the CMN please call (918) 758-1480.



MNN/Rebecca Landsberry

Living Legends Patrick E. Moore (left) and Pete Coser (right) spoke of their childhood experiences and how they helped shape them as citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Legends

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Fans fluttered amid the crowd as those gathered tried to fight off the impending heat that assaulted those in attendance at the 2010 Living Legends Ceremony at Creek Nation Festival in Okmulgee.

Two Living Legends were honored at this year's festival: Judge Patrick Moore and Doctor Pete Coser.

Thompson Gouge, Master of Ceremonies for the event introduced Principal Chief A.D. Ellis who gave the welcoming address after a short tribal update by Chief of Staff Edwin Marshall.

Ellis discussed the importance of honoring those who serve the nation while they are still here with us.

"We want to honor these people while they are still here with us," said Ellis. "It's important for our elders to know that we honor and appreciate what they have done through the years."

The Living Legends committee which is comprised of nine members

had a "tough decision" this year with fourteen qualified nominees according to Ellis.

"It's a great honor to introduce Judge Patrick E. Moore as a living legend," said Ellis. "Judge Moore is the longest serving tribal district court judge in the state and had given unselfishly as an outstanding role model and mentor to countless law students while working tirelessly to advance notions of tribal sovereignty, self determination, cultural preservation and native justice among people in his tribe."

Moore, a graduate of Okmulgee High School obtained his Bachelors Degree in Accounting from University of Oklahoma, a Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University and an LLM from the University of Tulsa, with graduate studies in Texas and Nevada.

Judge Moore served in the Air Force and saw active duty 1963 – 1967. He also served as District Judge of Muscogee (Creek) Nation since 1987, was a member of the Inter-Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, a member of MCN Constitutional

Amendment Committee and Chairman of MCN Constitutional Convention.

"In sum, Judge Moore's accolades are astonishing and his effect on the Muscogee Nation cannot be overstated," said Ellis. "Judge Moore is the epitome of a public servant who has spent countless hours working for the citizens of this nation. I think it is our duty and responsibility to honor Judge Moore as a 2010 Living Legend."

"I've got a wonderful family and a wonderful place to live," said Moore. "What is being done today is humbling."

Dr. Pete Coser graduated from OHS in 1968 and received his Doctorate in 1985. He is revered as the first president of the College of the Muscogee Nation.

Honors received include: Southern Region Education Board Scholar Conference San Diego, Southern Region Doctorate Scholars New Orleans, OSU Teachers Legacy Stillwater, Greater Tulsa Indian Affairs Commission, Dean's Honor Roll Southeastern University, Doctor

Parson's Scholarship Southeastern University, Fellow U.S. Education Department Washington, D.C., Outstanding Graduate Student Minority Affairs University of Arkansas, White House Conference on Indian Education – Delegate State of Oklahoma.

"I have page after page of accolades for Dr. Coser so at this time I would like to honor our second Living Legend, Dr. Pete Coser," said Ellis.

Professional experience includes: Dallas independent school district 1972-1973; City of Dallas Recreation Leader 1973; Dixon school district, Ardmore 1974-1975; Tulsa Indian Youth Council 1976-1979; Rogers State University 1979-1980; OSU 1985-2005; MCN Director of Human Development 2005; former College of the Muscogee Nation interim President.

Advisory Boards include: American Indians in Psychology OSU Stillwater, Native Americans in Biological Sciences OSU Stillwater; Journal of American Indian Education Arizona State; Chairperson Oklahoma Coalition of Tribal Colleges

Program Highlight: MCN Language Program



MNN/Melodie Reader

Pictured above are Muscogee (Creek) Nation Language Program employees filling the display boxes in the main complex with Mvskoke words and their corresponding images.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Language Program Department created displays June 9, 2010 near the tribal gift shop, depicting common words in Mvksoke and English which are utilized during both traditional and church practices.

The idea is to let the public know some of the words most-used in those settings and to expand the knowledge of the language according to MCN Language Program Manager Kathleen Coachman.

Items are displayed along with their Mvskoke word in the cases south of the gift shop. The two cases each depict either traditional or church words that are used in everyday conversation.

“The goal is to help people become familiar with the words and the context they are used,” said Coachman.

Church words in the display include: pray – mekusvpetv; church – mekusvkv cuko; peace – herkv; love –

vnokeckv; communion – nak vfastetv vcakvt; and preacher – erkenkv.

Ceremonial ground words in the display include: ballstick – tokonhe; drum – nafketoce; ceremonial ground – cuko rakko; dance – pvnkv; and cans – halo.

“We hope the displays bring the focus of the general public - people who want to learn the language, to our program,” said Coachman. “We have CDs, which are a learning tool for people who want to learn words and phrases. We also teach classes throughout the year.”

The language department hopes to bring the Mvskoke language to the next generation, so that it will not die out with the elders as tribes are defined as a separate people because of their unique language, customs, heritage and the history that surrounds them. Without fluent speakers, the language dies and in essence, so does the tribe.

In order to help bring language to the younger set, Coachman is cur-

rently writing a children’s language program that can be used with the Nintendo DSI® game system, which is in the early stages of development.

“Language is important,” said Language Specialist Chumona Deere. “We use our language every day in song, talk, prayer and Creek hymns. It is important to show language in all aspect of being Creek.”

While there is not a solid statistic depicting the a number of fluent Mvskoke speakers, the most common fluent speakers are the elders, according to Coachman.

The 10 employees in the Language Program are also fluent speakers and are willing to assist anyone that wants to learn Creek.

CDs are available with over 600 phrases in Creek to help beginners understand and learn the language. The 10 CD set is \$20.00 and can be purchased from the MCN Language Department. For more information, please call (918) 732-7649.

Business Spotlight: Norlem Technology Consulting, Inc.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

TULSA — The Internet Technology (IT) industry has taken the world by storm, as individuals, schools, non-profits, and the corporate world utilize the internet, e-mail and social media sites to keep up with today’s fast-paced environment.

Norlem Technology Consulting, Inc., a native-owned Tulsa-based business, has found a way to tap into the IT industry and lend a helping hand to those in the business world.

“We design, deploy and support data and voice networks,”

said CEO Bryan Norman. “This includes server installs, desktop, laptop, router, wireless and firewall sourcing, setup and deployment. Voice of Internet Protocol (VIP) has been our biggest driver of new business for the last couple of years.”

The business began five years ago when Norman and his wife began to offer assistance as an ‘extra set of hands’ to area businesses who needed short-term help for small projects.

The company has grown from a small grass-roots IT firm to handle customers such as Goldie’s Patio Grill, Accent Realtors, The Apothecary Shoppe, DP Financial and Williams Construction.

“We have been so busy with what we have had to do, it has been difficult to look at other options,” said Norman. “However, we have doubled our size and sales and look to do the same again this next year. We will need to expand to other

markets and areas as we grow.”

Long term goals include expanding office locations and hiring more employees.

“My goal is to eventually have an office in Oklahoma City,” continued Norman. “We want to get out

in front of the latest emerging technologies to become leaders in new markets.”

Interest in computers, gadgets and technology began at an early age for Norman, a life-long Broken Arrow resident, whose mom made



MNN/Lee Longhorn

Pictured above is CEO Brian Norman of Norlem Technology Consulting, Inc.

it a point for him to meet businessmen, learn correct business etiquette and learn how to research properly.

“I grew up and continue to live in Broken Arrow, Okla. I did not attend any school outside of high school,” said Norman. “My mom raised me and my sister as a single mother and I think all that she did raising me really equipped me well for running a business.”

Norman uses his love of learning to keep up-to-date on the latest technology, trends and ideas in the IT sector.

“I have a passion for all things technology,” said Norman. “For us, it’s like we get to play with the newest toys, with all the new ones coming out and we really enjoy it.”

For more information on Norlem Technologies Consulting, Inc., which is located at 7136 South Yale, Suite 300, Tulsa, Okla., please contact Norman at (918) 392-1996 or www.norlemtc.com

OBITUARIES

JUDITH BARLOW



SHAWNEE — Judith “Judee” Chesnutt Barlow passed away on June 26, 2010 in Shawnee, Oklahoma at the age of 60 years. Funeral Services were held June 30, 2010 at Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Holdenville Cemetery in Holdenville, Oklahoma. Services were under the direction of Hudson Phillips Funeral Home in Holdenville, Oklahoma.

Judee was born on January 14, 1950 in Holdenville to George and Jewell “Fream” Chesnutt. Judee was raised in Holdenville and graduated from Holdenville High School. She was a member of the Barnard United Methodist Church in Holdenville. Judee married George Barlow in 1995. Judee enjoyed collecting dolls and just relaxing watching TV. Judee is preceded in death by her parents George and Jewell Chesnutt.

She is survived by her husband George of the home; two daughters, Julie Schroeder and husband Chris Christian of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Jennifer Roberts of Denver, Colorado; four stepchildren, George Barlow Jr. and wife Sabrina of Normal, Illinois; Gwen Barlow and husband Gary of Illinois; Bonnie Barlow of Illinois; and Megan Huffman of Shawnee; two brothers; Tony Chesnutt of Yukon, Oklahoma and Monte Chesnutt of Lawton, Oklahoma; six grandchildren; Chayla Turner, Bradley Barlow, Shelby Barlow, Noah Barlow, Cheyanne Huffman, and Kelsi Huffman.

FANNIE BARNETT



DEWAR — Fannie Barnett, a resident of Dewar, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at the age of 71. She was born on Wednesday, October 19, 1938 to Jonas Kano and Alice (Simmons) in Hannah, Oklahoma.

She was a member of the Solid Rock Indian Baptist Church in Glenpool and the Dewar Indian Community. Fannie worked for eight years as an Administrative Assistant for the Creek Nation and was Senior Miss Muscogee Nation from 2004 to 2005.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Nahka Carpitcher; daughters, Hazel Robinson-Bechtol and Angie Robinson; brothers, Kenneth, Eldon and Walter Lewis.

Survivors include her husband, Smiley Barnett of the home; daughter, Valerie Barnett of Okmulgee; brothers, Sonny Lewis of Dustin and Bunny Lewis of Wetumka; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends.

Visitation was July 4, 2010 in conjunction with a wake service in Henryetta. Funeral Services were held Monday, July 5, 2010 at the Shurden-Jackson Funeral Home with Pastor Don Tiger officiating. Burial followed the service at the Barnett Family Cemetery under the direction of the Shurden-Jackson Funeral Home.

FRED LONG



HOLDENVILLE — Fred Oscar Long was born in Yeagar, Oklahoma on May 15, 1929 to George and Nancy Scott Long.

He graduated from Yeager High School and served in the U.S. Navy from 1950-1954. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service from 1960-1984 and in 1963 he married Stella Dyer Long. They resided in Holdenville and later moved to Oklahoma City.

He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Holdenville Lodge 123. He loved being a Mason and served as Micco in the 1980's.

Having a vast knowledge of genealogy, he was determined to keep the Creek culture alive. He worked extensively with the Oklahoma Historical Society, eventually donating many photos and documents which became known as the Fred Long Collection he also donated items to the Holdenville Historical Society.

He is preceded in death by his father, mother, brother James H. Long and sister Ethelene Cindy Long. Fred is survived by his wife Stella Long, Daughter Lisa Long Koumoutseas, son Timothy George Long, granddaughter Kaia Long Koumoutseas and numerous close relatives and friends.

Long loved his granddaughter, sour sofke and speaking his first language of Muscogee Creek. Everyone loved Fred.

Funeral services for Fred Long will be held Wednesday June 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., at the Barnard Memorial

United Methodist Church in Holdenville, Oklahoma with interment to follow at Holdenville Cemetery Holdenville, Oklahoma.

ROBERTA LEE POWELL

WETUMKA — Roberta Lee Powell was born July 7, 1962 in Talihina, Okla., to Bobby Powerll and Judy Johnson Powell and passed from this life on June 7, 2010 at her home south of Wetumka at the age of 47.

Roberta was raised in southern Huges County. She attended Moss School before transferring to the Eufaula Indian Boarding School from which she graduated in 1980. She married Marsey Scott and to this union two daughters were born, Shelia and Elisha.

The family made their home for several years in Okmulgee and returned to Hughes County in 1991. Roberta had been employed by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation some 10 years as a teacher at Yeager Head Start, a secretary in the Citizenship Department and in Child Development. Most recently she had completed training as a dental assistant at Green Country Vo-Tech in Okmulgee.

She loved softball and volleyball and anything that included her grandchildren. She was proceeded in death by her parents and a brother, Harold.

Survivors include her two daughters, Sheila Scott of Wetumka and Elisha Scott of Holdenville; a stepson Nicholas Scott of New York; their father Marsey Scott of Wetumka; three brothers Harry Harjo of Wetumka, Herman Harjo of Holdenville, and Chris Powell of Wetumka; two sisters Bessie Fields of Sapulpa and Bobbie Jean Boyle of Wetumka along with two grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were June 10, at the Thewarle Methodist Church with Rev. Frank Moppin and Rev. Malcolm Tiger officiating.

Pallbearers were nephews Stephen Harjo, Osceola Powell, Jason Harjo, Adrian Harjo, Darrell Powell, and Ronnie Powell. Honorary pallbearers will be J. R. Wind, Danny Wind, Jessie Moppin,

Leo Moppin, Roley Johnson, and Clarence Johnson. Interment will be in the Powell Family Cemetery under the direction of Williamson-Spradlin Funeral Home.

ROSIE SIMMS



PICKETT PRAIRIE — On March 16, Rosie Simms, surrounded by family passed away at Sapulpa St. John's Hospital. She was born on June 23, 1929, to Maxey and Sawena Long Simms. She lived her entire life in the Pickett Prairie area at the family home. She attended school at Pickett Prairie and Wheelock Academy.

Simms was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Yahola Simms; three sisters, Frances Simms Wildcate, Fannie Walker-Gibson and Lilly Bigpond Cox.

She is survived by two sisters, Maxine and husband Joe Watashe of Sapulpa and Madja Simms of the home. Nine Nieces, eight nephews and several great and great great nieces and nephews.

Simms was lifetime member of Pickett Chapel UMC and also of Morning Star Evangelistic Center. Rosie sang in choir and had a beautiful alto voice. She enjoyed watching old movies and loved music. She had a great sense of humor and was great at imitating or acting out scenes and stories. She was always content, smiling and strong. Her family was her pride and joy. Rosie will be greatly missed.

BIRTHDAYS

MARGIE DAVIS



ALBANY, Ore., — Margie Faye Davis celebrated a birthday on July 5.

Davis is the daughter of Jim and Alice Gray Davis.

She has three siblings; Georgia, Marie and Liz. Davis is the grand daughter of Issac and Phoebe Gray and the great granddaughter of George Monk and Simmer Thompson.

She is of the Tiger Clan.

GEORGIA DAVIS

ALBANY, ORE. — Georgia Mae Davis celebrated a birthday on July 5. Davis is the daughter of Jim and Alice Gray Davis.

Davis attended Cal State and received a Bachelor's Degree.

She has three siblings; Margie, Marie and Liz. Davis is the granddaughter of Issac and Phoebe Gray and the great grand daughter of George Monk and Simmer Thompson.

She is of the Tiger Clan.



REBECCA LUCAS



ARDMORE — Rebecca Jade Lucas of Ardmore, Okla., celebrated a birthday on July 5. She has one sibling named Russell. Lucas attends the college of the Muscogee Nation in Okmulgee.

She is the daughter of Robert and Liz Lucas. Her paternal grandparents are the late Bunky and Ola Lucas of Wetumka. Lucy Harjo is her great grand mother. Lucas is of the Tiger Clan and the Kialegee Tribal Town.

BIRTHS

CONNER THOMAS

MOUNDS — Conner Champ Michael Thomas was born on Dec. 31, 2009 to Connie Dearman and Dustin Thomas.

Thomas has two siblings, Brittani and Brianna. He is the grandson of Walter and Mary Dearman and Don and Judi Apple and great grandson of Nona Ward and the late Michael Ward.

He is of the Bear Clan.



ISABELL TECUMSEH



MORRIS — Isabell Vnokeckv Tecumseh was born March 26, to Lacey Crane and Jabaica Tecumseh, Sr. She weighed 7 lbs., and 8 oz., and measured 20 inches. Her siblings are Alize Tecumseh and Vkvsumv Tecumseh and Jabaica Tecumseh Jr.

Tecumseh is the grand daughter of Isabell Tecumseh and Mandrel Roberts and the great granddaughter of Wisey Scott-Tecumseh. She is the great niece of the late Nero Tecumseh.

She is of the Tiger Clan.

Birthdays, Births & Special Announcements!

Birthday:

Roll Number: _____

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Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Theme of the party: _____

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Maternal and Paternal grandparents: _____

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School: _____

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Siblings: _____

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Tribal Town: _____



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BULL RIDING

LONG GO

1. JOE HICKS

AVERAGE

1. JOE HICKS

COWGIRLS BARREL RACE

LONG GO

1. KYNDER STARR

2. TIFFANY TEEHEE

3. CHEYENNE MCQUIRE

SHORT GO

1. TIFFANY TEEHEE

KYNDER STARR

CHEYENNE MCQUIRE

AVERAGE

1. TIFFANY TEEHEE

KYNDER STARR

CHEYENNE MCQUIRE

CALF ROPING

LONG GO

1. JOSH WEEKLY

2. KARL DENNISON

3. JAY H. EDMUNSON

Short Go and Average

1. JOSH WEEKLY

2. JAY H EDMUNSON

3. KARL DENNISON

TEAM ROPING

LONG GO

1. PHILLIP MCCOY and
BRANDON WRIGHT

2. MIKE BACON and JOEL
MAKER

3. PHILLIP MCCOY

SHORT GO

1. PHILLIP MCCOY and PAUL
ROBERTS

2. PHILLIP MCCOY and BRAN-
DON WRIGHT

3. JAY H EDMUNDSON and
BRANDON WRIGHT

AVERAGE

1. PHILLIP MCCOY and BRAN-
DON WRIGHT

2. PHILLIP MCCOY and PAUL
ROBERTS

3. MIKE BACON and JOEL

MAKER

COWGIRLS BREAKAWAY ROPING

LONG GO

1. JACKIE ADAMS

2. ARIANNA JONES

3. DEVYN DENNISON

SHORT GO

1. JYME B. FOREMAN

2. TIFFANY TEEHEE

3. KASSIDY DENNISON

AVERAGE

1. JYME B. FOREMAN

2. KASSIDY DENNISON

3. JACKIE ADAMS

BAREBACK BRONC RIDING

LONG GO

1. FREDDY WAR-
BONNET

2. CODY PARKER

3. CLAY GERONIMO

SHORT GO

1. JESS GONZALES

2. CODY PARK-
ER

3. CLAY GERONIMO

AVERAGE

1. CODY PARKER

2 . CLAY GERONIMO

3. FRED WARBONNET

STEER WRESTLING

LONG GO

1. JAY H EDMUNSON

2. NAHA JUMPER

3. QUINN CAMPBELL

SHORT GO

1. JACOB ANTONE

2. JAY H EDMUNSON

3. QUINN CAMPBELL

AVERAGE

1. JAY H EDMUNSON

2. NAHA JUMPER

3. QUINN CAMPBELL

4. JOSH ANDERSON

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

LONG GO and AVERAGE

1. TO YAZZIE

Junior Olympics

1 Mile 12-13 Boys

1. Alec Byrd

2. Jacob Meadows

3. Cory Tiger

1 Mile 12-13 Boys

1. Alec Byrd

2. Jacob Meadows

3. Cory Tiger

1 Mile 14-15 Boys

1. Sampson Tabbytite

2. Randall Locust

3. Clarence LaSarge

400 Meter Relay 8-9 Boys

1. Diego Jones, Britton Johnson,
Brock Hicks, Tayten Fixico

2. Micah Burgess, Jared Jarnes, Justin
James and Yancy Foster

3. Christopher Watkins, Mitchell
Poindexter, Cody Barnes and Garrett
Underwood

400 Meter Relay 10-11 Boys

1. Kendall Burgess, Jimell Tate, Her-
bert, Jordan Jr., and Jaidan Grayson

2. Derrick Hill, Kaleb Bigpond, Kyle
Sine and Christian Perez

3. Jacob Meadows, Ohiya Billiot,
Perry Bartels and Justin Gable

400 Meter Relay 12-13 Boys

1. Cameron Burgess, Jabrion Tate, Ja-
cob Burgess and Camron Brandon

2. Isaih Lowe, Steven Armour, Jalen
Alexander, Dakota Kabeah

3. Adam Johnson, Micah, Fox, Issac
Landers and Taylor Foster

400 Meter Relay 14-15 Boys

1. Troy July, Braylon Warrior, Blake
Coburn and Jalen Clayton

2. Rylen Mack, Clarence LaSarge,
Ryan Mack and Bradley Hicks

400 Meter Dash 12-13 Boys

1. Taylor Foster

2. Darius Tiger

3. Dakotah Proctor

400 Meter Dash 14-15 Boys

1. Lance White

2. Sampson Tabbytite

3. Erik Gaines

200 Meter Dash 10-11 Boys

1. Stephen Hall

2. Herbert Jordan Jr.

3. Derek Hill

200 Meter Dash 12-13 Boys

1. Jacob Burgess

2. Taylor Foster

3. Christopher Cohen

200 Meter Dash 14-15 Boys

1. Guthrie Dean

2. Jeylon Clayton

3. Randall Locust

100 Meter Dash 8-9 Boys

1. Micah Burgess

2. Cody Barnes

3. Kylar James

100 Meter Dash 10-11 Boys

1. Eric Dan

2. Stephen Hall

3. Andy Butler

100 Meter Dash 12-13 Boys

1. Jeylon Clayton

2. Dakota Kahbeah

3. Jacob Burgess

100 Meter Dash 14-15 Boys

1. Guthrie Dean

2. Braylon Warrior

3. Ryan Mack

50 Meter Dash 6-7 Boys

1. Isaiah Burkhalter

2. Aaron Morgan

3. Mario Fox

50 Meter Dash 8-9 Boys

1. Perry Bartels

2. Lucky Yahola

3. Micah Burgess

50 Meter Dash 10-11 Boys

1. Kelton Mathis

2. Eric Dan

3. Jaiden Grayson

50 Meter Dash 12-13 Boys

1. Joseph Barnett

2. Drew Dan

3. Cory Tiger

30 Meter Dash 6-7 Boys

1. Isaiah Burkhalter

2. Aaron Morgan

3. Topley Powell

30 Meter Dash 8-9 Boys

1. Brad Merritt

2. Jared James

3. Micha Burgess

Long Jump 6-7 Boys

1. Adam Jones

2. Ethaniel Watson

3. Tyrone Brown

Long Jump 8-9 Boys

1. Dominic Marshall

2. Christopher Watkins

3. Mikiah Burgess

Long Jump 10-11 Boys

1. Eugene Kahbeah Jr.

2. Jacob Meadows

3. Ohiya Billiot

Long Jump 12-13 Boys

1. Taylor Foster

2. Tristen Flanner

3. Andrew Cole

Long Jump 14-15 Boys

1. Braylon Warrior

2. Nicholas Adair

3. Tyler Adair

Softball Throw 6-7 Boys

1. Kory West

2. Dominique Landers

3. Aaron Morgan

Softball Throw 8-9 Boys

1. Brock Hicks

2. Brayden Lee

3. Christopher Watkins

Softball Throw 10-11 Boys

1. Christian Perez

2. Eugene Kahbeah, Jr.

3. Carder Cleveland

Hoop Shoot 10-11 Boys

1. Carder Cleveland

2. Joseph Kahbeah

3. Christian Rangel

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2. Mitchell Fisher
3. John Brown

Women's Horseshoes

1. Johnnie Marks
2. Matilda King
3. Shirley Littlehead

Jacks

1. Revennie Tiger
2. Nellie Hallum
3. Linda Isadi

Sofke

1. Geneva Colbert
2. Revennie Tiger
3. Pearl Thomas

Basketball Free Throw

1. Rachel Morgan
2. Minnie Mitchell
3. Dora Necomish

Quilting-Hand sewn

1. Maxine Adams

Quilting-Machine

1. Melissa Seifried

Volleyball

1. Sun Devils
2. Wolf Pack
3. Impact

Horseshoes

Men

1. David Davis
2. Leon Bell
3. Sam Beaver

Men's Ringer Throw

1. Jonathan Kingfisher
2. David Davis
3. Leon Bell

Women

1. Sarah Morgan
2. Candace Tiger
3. Meannda Davis

Women's Ringer Throw

1. Sarah Morgan
2. Candace Tiger

Golf

4-Man Scramble

1. Nita McCarter, Vernon Wolf, Dan Wilson and James Jennings
2. Mike Bridges, Robert Bible, Sean Newrider and Euel Pittman
3. Bill Dowdy, Charles Watashe, Charlie Cypress and Paul Bevenue

2-Man Scramble

1. Patrick Six and Mike Garner,
2. Jamie Carman and Gerald Glass, Jr.
3. Gary Henson and David Ballard



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Pictured from left to right are Reporter Melodie Reader, Communications Manager Gerald Wofford, Editorial Assistant Angel Ellis, Multimedia Intern Lee Longhorn, Editor Rebecca Landsberry, Cultural Reporter Ruth Bible with Principal Chief A.D. Ellis (center).

Lee Longhorn
MNN Multimedia Intern

ST. PAUL, Minn., — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications Department earned three awards at the 26th Annual Native American Journalists Association Media Awards. The Native Nations Media Conference was held Jul 18-24 in St. Paul, Minn., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

The Muscogee Nation News

earned second place in the tabloid category for “Best Layout.” MNN Editor and co-host for the Muscogee Nation Radio News Program Rebecca Landsberry and Ruth Bible, cultural reporter, were on hand to receive the awards.

“I’m thrilled we had the opportunity to attend the Native Nations Me-

dia Conference for the first time ever and that we were also able to bring home three awards. I hope we can continue to be involved in NAJA and keep building relationships with other Native media representatives from around the country,” Landsberry said.

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Diabetes Awareness Summit set for Aug. 17

Johnnie Brasuell and Shirlene Ade
MCN Diabetes Program Manager and Women’s Caucus Chairperson

OKMULGEE — The Fourth Annual MCN Citizens’ Diabetes Awareness Summit is coming soon! Join other Creek citizens and other Native Americans Aug. 17 at the First Baptist Church in Okmulgee to hear experts in diabetes and prevention. Registration begins at 7 p.m.

The summit program starts at 8:30 a.m. If you want your

cholesterol screened, do not eat anything after midnight. Screening will be from 7 a.m. - 8:15 a.m., and yoga, a favorite option last year, or group walking, will start at 7:30 a.m.

This year, we are giving several opportunities in the morning for Creek persons with diabetes and their families to tell their stories about diabetes.

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Supreme Court responds to Council’s request for forensic audit

Jonodev O. Chaudhuri
MCN Supreme Court Chief Justice

OKMULGEE — This letter is in response to the demands set forth in your letter dated July 16, 2010 regarding a forensic audit of the Judicial Branch.

Any request or demand that unduly infringes upon or inhibits the Judicial Branch’s jurisdictional or administrative functions violates the fundamental principles of the doctrine of Separation of Powers – a Constitutional doctrine that has long been embedded in Muscogee

(Creek) Nation law. Thus, any requests or demands that excessively interfere with judicial independence, especially those that are not supported by sufficient justification, have no legal force or effect.

Because transparency in financial matters is good policy for all the governmental branches, the Judicial Branch has always adhered to practices that promote such policy.

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Alvin	July 18, 2010
Alvin	July 19, 2010
Alvin	July 20, 2010
Alvin	July 21, 2010
Alvin	July 22, 2010
Alvin	July 23, 2010
Alvin	July 24, 2010
Alvin	July 25, 2010
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Summer Youth explore careers





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TO CHANGE OR SUBMIT AN ADDRESS, PLEASE CALL (918) 732-7720 or send e-mail to: wmurphy@muscogeenation-nsn.gov.



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:

BRENDA DELORES ERWIN,
DOB: 03/08/1948

Case No. CV 2010-115

Judge of the District Court

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: Whom it may concern

Brenda Delores Erwin, born March 8, 1948 has filed a *Petition* in the above Court to have her name changed from Brenda Delores Erwin to Brenda Delores LaSarge and the same will be heard in the courtroom of Judge of the District Court, located in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, on the 16th day of September, 2010 at 10 o'clock A.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any person may file a written protest in this case prior to the date set for the hearing.

Given under my hand a seal this 23rd day of July, 2010

COURT CLERK
Muscogee (Creek) Nation,
Okmulgee District, Oklahoma

By Debie King
Deputy

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

S.G.; DOB: 03-10-04
K.G.; DOB: 01-25-05
W.C.; DOB: 11-11-07

Alleged Deprived Child.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Jermaine Adams, Natural Father to W.C.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M.

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. **YOU ARE FUTHER INFORMED** that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

[Signature]
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

S.G.; DOB: 03-10-04
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NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Alisha Harley, Natural Mother

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IN THE MATTER OF:

M.S.B.; DOB: 06-07-07

Alleged Deprived Child.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Matthew W. Bowen, Natural Father

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[Signature]
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Administrative Order extends judge's term; Moore continues service

Jonodev O. Chaudhuri
Chief Justice, MCN Supreme Court

OKMULGEE — WHEREAS, an Administrative Order affirming the current District Judge's continued service for a limited period pending formal replacement was issued on June 30, 2010;

WHEREAS, the June 30, 2010 Administrative Order, which allowed for the continued functioning of the District Court - of paramount importance to ensure justice for this Nation's citizens - is set to expire, by its own terms, on today's date;

WHEREAS, to date, no formal replacement has been confirmed pursuant to this Nation's nomination

and confirmation process;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, in its supervisory obligation over the Judicial Branch, is required to ensure continuity of judicial services and uninterrupted access to the judicial system by Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens;

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, as administrative head of the Court, is empowered to create administrative mechanisms to ensure continued functioning of the Judicial Branch, and thus an administrative order issued by the Chief Justice that addresses administrative functions of

the Judicial Branch is binding and authoritative on its own merits;

WHEREAS, the June 30, 2010 Administrative Order was issued pursuant to the Supreme Court's constitutional authority and control over the courts and the Chief Justice's authority as administrative head of the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the reasoning and support set forth in the June 30, 2010 Administrative Order apply to this Order and are incorporated herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonodev O. Chaudhuri, Chief Justice of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and administrative

head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article VII, of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution and as the Administrative Officer for the Supreme Court pursuant to Title 26 Section 1-101, do hereby order this 30th day of July, 2010, that:

The current District Court Judge of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Judge Patrick Moore, a duly qualified citizen of the Muscogee (Creek), shall continue service until a formal replacement is made pursuant to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's nomination and confirmation process.

Judicial

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For this reason, the Supreme Court, in accordance with the Nation's internal auditing procedures, regularly provides materials to Arledge and Associates, the independent consulting firm tasked by the Nation with conducting independent annual financial audits of

financial audit. Those terms should only be used by the branches after consulting their legal counsel and developing a thorough understanding of the difference. A forensic audit is usually a subset of a fraud examination, and is generally an open-ended investigation into various matters and affairs not necessarily limited to financial matters. A financial audit (which is most important to en-

Branch has always championed – is not, by itself, relevant to the extraordinary purpose and scope of a forensic audit/examination.

If the Legislative Branch (or any branch or office) was aware of any justification for a forensic audit (as opposed to a financial audit), the proper course of action was to notify the Supreme Court – as the supreme office

separate and co-equal branch of this Nation's government and thus patently violate the doctrine of Separation of Powers. Furthermore, the demands and orders of the type set forth in your correspondence are by nature directive and not consistent with legislative actions. A legislative body acts by passing laws; it does not enforce or interpret them.

For the above reasons, the de-

“A legislative body acts by passing laws; it does not enforce or interpret them.”
— MCN Supreme Court Chief Justice Jonodev O. Chaudhuri

the Judicial Branch. Furthermore, the Supreme Court, as a matter of standard procedure, has historically provided copies of the resulting financial audit reports to the Legislative and Executive branches. Your office has already been provided with our most recent financial audit report (2009) and has been provided copies of earlier reports in the past.

Additionally, and of the utmost importance, it is essential for government officers, as well as the citizens of the Nation, to understand the distinction between a forensic audit and a

sure fiscal accountability) largely is a check of bookkeeping functions. Due to the significantly different purpose of a forensic audit versus a financial audit, the scope, procedures, costs, and administrative burdens associated with conducting and complying with a forensic audit greatly exceed those associated with a financial audit. In short, a forensic audit is drastically more costly and time-intensive than a financial audit conducted for the purposes of financial accountability. Thus, a generalized commitment to or call for fiscal responsibility – a concept that this

of the Judicial Branch – with details and supporting documents relating to such justification so that the Judicial Branch could inquire into such matters in the first instance. Without such a cooperative measure being taken, your demands of a forensic audit (as opposed to a financial audit), on their face, are undue infringements into judicial authority.

Similarly, the extraordinarily costly, administratively burdensome, and highly-intrusive demands that a forensic audit entails improperly infringe on this Branch's ability to operate as a

mands you have set forth in your July 16, 2010 letter (and subsequent letter of correction and letter addressing Executive Order 10-13) have no legal force or effect. Future demands of the types set forth in these letters, as well as any additional requests or correspondence regarding similar demands, are addressed by this letter and will therefore not be addressed in continued correspondence. In the spirit of cooperation among branches and in the interest of promoting transparency, however, copies of the last two years' financial audit reports are attached.



Letter from MNN Editor:

Estonko readers!

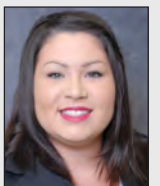
August is shaping up to be a hot one, with triple digits in the forecast for those of us in Oklahoma. Crank up the A/C and chill out inside because the dog days of summer have arrived.

Cultural Reporter Ruth Bible along with Multimedia Intern Reporter Lee Longhorn and I recently returned from the 2010 Native Nations Media Conference in St. Paul, Minn., where we had the opportunity to network and meet with Native journalists from all over the continent.

The experience of meeting tribal members from Canada to New Mexico was invigorating for both my career and my spirit. Learning from seasoned professionals while sharing cultures, stories and tips has made me a better writer and even more proud to be Muscogee (Creek).

The NAJA Conference also featured the annual media awards banquet where the Communications Department received three awards. It was an honor to represent my department and my tribe at this prestigious event and I look forward to attending next year. Mvto, Muscogee (Creek) Nation for affording us the opportunity to grow as journalists and people.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at RLandsberry@muscogeenation-nsn.gov



Veterans' Scoop

Staff

Veterans Affairs Service Office

The Veterans' Scoop will feature articles and updates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and other credible sources.

VA changes to Medication copays

WASHINGTON, D.C.,

— As previously announced on January 7, 2010, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) froze prescription copayment increases for six months.

Veterans who generally have higher income and no service-connected disabilities - referred to as Priority Groups 7 and 8 Veterans - will now pay an additional \$1 for each 30-day supply of outpatient medications.

This change does not impact Veterans in Priority Groups 2 through 6 who will continue to pay \$8 for each 30-day supply of medications for their non-service connected conditions unless otherwise exempted.

Veterans who have an injury or illness connected with their military service resulting in a disability rated 50 percent or greater, who are known as Priority Group 1 Veterans are exempt from the copay.

Veterans who have difficulty paying copayments for outpatient medications should discuss the matter with their local VA enrollment coordinator.

Veterans may also contact VA at 1-877-222 VETS (8387) or visit VA's health eligibility Web site at www.va.gov/healtheligibility

VA approves \$2.8M for Gulf War Illness Research

WASHINGTON, D.C., — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

has approved \$2.8 million to fund three new research projects that focus on testing or developing new treatments for illnesses affecting veterans who served in the Gulf War 1990-1991. The research incorporates recommendations of the department's Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force.

About 697,000 men and women served in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from August 1990 to June 1991 during the Gulf War. In the years since they returned, nearly a quarter of these veterans have experienced chronic symptoms such as fatigue, weakness, gastrointestinal problems, cognitive dysfunction, sleep disturbances, persistent headaches, skin rashes, respiratory conditions and mood changes. The symptoms are known collectively as "Gulf War Veterans' illnesses."

A recent report by the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Gulf War and Health, "Health Effects of Serving in the Gulf War," noted that chronic multi-symptom illnesses affect an estimated 250,000 Gulf War Veterans. Given the findings, VA is embarking on a national Gulf War Veterans' illness research program to identify and adopt the most effective treatments for veterans.

Clarence Hill, National Commander of The American Legion stated, "Now that VA is following through with these important studies of Gulf War illness, which has plagued many of the 700,000 Gulf War veterans for nearly 20 years, The American Legion believes these studies should provide a shared foundation for those who need to be cared for and compensated for their disabilities."

The first \$700,000 will be available Oct. 1, 2010.



Summer Youth receive Old Glory lessons from vets



MNN/Melodie Reader

Okmulgee VFW members from left: Trustee Ben R. Cabrera, Sr. Vice Commander Jay Lively and Commander Bill Jones assist Okmulgee summer youth Eli Smith (L) and Kevy Johnson (R) with the correct procedures used to fold 'Old Glory' during a lunch program at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center on Thursday, July 15, 2010.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Children and members of the Okmulgee chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars gathered at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center on Thursday, July 15, 2010 to discuss and demonstrate the correct ways to fold, handle and dispose of the flag of the United States of America.

OICC Summer Youth Enrichment Program Director Noba Wise said, "We are very glad to have the VFW here today to show the kids how to treat the flag. The kids are happy to learn."

VFW Commander Bill Jones who led the presentation, gave a history of the flag.

"I have a couple of people with me who served in the wars," said Jones. "When you get in high school and take history, you'll learn all about these wars. We're just proud and glad to be here. Mr. Jay Lively who was in WWII and the Korean War in the Navy and Army both and Mr. Ben R. Cabrera who was in the Korean War and was part of the Navy are here to help you learn about the flag today."

"We're here first and foremost to show you how to properly fold a flag," said Jones.

"You never let the flag touch the ground. If a flag does touch the ground, that flag can never be raised again and must be disposed of properly," Cabrera said.

Cabrera went on to note that two people should fold the flag, to show honor and to keep it taut and keep it from touching the ground. Dishonored flags should be taken to the local VFW to be disposed of properly, as the proper procedure requires them to be burned.

The flag is folded with two people holding it, one at each end. One person holds the end with the stars, which should face outward to the right of that person and the other person holds the end with just the stripes.

Next, the flag is folded twice in half, lengthways, with the stars showing on the outside of the flag. Then the person with the striped end begins to fold the flag in triangular sections, for a grand total of 13 folds representing the

13 original colonies of the United States of America.

The person who did not fold will then tuck the remaining few inches of the flag neatly into the folds.

The flag is always carried point forward on upward palms when brought to or from the flagpole, gravesite, etc.

Children asked questions after the presentation.

"Why is it important to fold the flag a certain way?" asked 10 year old Alex Barnett of Okmulgee.

"It shows honor and respect to the flag," said Cabrera. "The U.S. Government made these procedures a long time ago for everyone to follow, to show people we respect our flag and our country."

Kids took turns folding the flag and seemed to enjoy the lesson on folding 'Old Glory' by the smiles on their eager faces.

Afterward, the veterans were invited to join the summer youth in a spaghetti lunch, marking the last day of the summer youth enrichment program.

District Court filings for April 2010

The District Court filings from April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010 are as follows:

Traffic:

MCN v. Willie Jackson	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Christopher Bruce	Ct. 1: No Driver's License
MCN v. Ronessa Burrell	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Dean Cooper	Ct. 1: DUS

District Court filings for May 2010

The District Court filings from May 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010 are as follows:

Civil:

Saber Acceptance Co. Inc. v. Rochelle Knight	Foreign Judgment
MCN v. Seven Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$760.00)	Forfeiture
Andrew Thomas v. Brittane Smith	Petition
America's Car Mart v. John Hicks	Small Claims
Banner Finance v. Emmitt Frye	Small Claims
Banner Finance v. Lucinda Barnett	Small Claims
MCN v. Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$358.00)	Forfeiture
American Exchange Bank v. Natasha Edmundson	Small Claims
Stephan Stuckey v. Tara Hunter	Petition

Jeana Sewell v. Roger Gibson	Petition
Liberty Finance v. Elizabeth Thomas	Foreign Judgment
Royal Finance v. Joanna Fisher	Small Claims
Royal Finance v. Patricia Lowe	Small Claims
Warren Clinic v. Joe Briscoe Jr.	Foreign Judgment
Joe Looney v. Diana Falling	Petition
Erika Harjo v. Paul Kelly	Petition
MCN ex rel., Dana Johnson Tax Commission v.	Petition

Tony R. Henry, 81 Riverside Inc. d/b/a	
Full Moon Café at Creek Nation	
National Quik Cash v. Elizabeth Reyes	Small Claims
General Loan Service v. Regina Pebsworth	Small Claims
Time Finance Company v. Janie Nichols	Small Claims
Sean Newrider v. Dana Harvey	Petition

Divorce:

Juanita Gomez v. Michael Gomez	Divorce
Brian Looney v. Michelle Looney	Divorce
Elliot Berryhill v. Jennifer Berryhill	Divorce
Casey Thomas v. Jessica Thomas	Divorce
Carrie Warrior v. Richard James	Divorce

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION WETUMKA OFFICES

MCN CITIZENSHIP OFFICE

The MCN Citizenship office will be at the Wetumka Office

**THE 1ST WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
FROM 10 AM TO 3:00 PM**

We will be assisting with obtaining Citizenship replacement cards, CDIB's and accepting enrollment applications providing all required documentation is received.

THINGS TO BRING AND CONSIDER

- Original State Certified Birth certificates (which includes state file number, Creek parents)
- Social security card
- Marriage certificates
- If adopted bring Final Decree adoption papers
- Must bring all required documents
- If card is damaged bring old card in for a free replacement card
- If card is lost or stolen replacement fee is \$5.00 per card
- No personal checks, cash or money order only
- Exact change required
- Photos for 18 and older only
- Parents or guardian must sign application

MCN SOCIAL SERVICES

A Social Services representative will be available at the Wetumka office
**EVERY MONDAY THROUGH
MONTHS OF JULY
AND AUGUST
8:00AM -5:00AM**

The representative will be able to take applications and answer questions.

IF IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED PLEASE CALL
**918-759-2334 or
1-800-482-1979**

THE YOUTH WELLNESS/ TARGETED CAPACITY EXPANSION PROGRAM

The Youth Wellness/Targeted Capacity Expansion(TCE) program offers prevention and treatment services to youth age 13-18.

**YW/TCE STAFF WILL BE
AVAILABLE ON THURSDAYS**

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
PLEASE CALL 918/758-1930

MCN ELECTION BOARD

An Election Board representative will be available at the Wetumka office

**THE 1ST TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

To register or change addresses
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE ELECTION BOARD AT

**918-732-7684
918-732-7685
or 918-732-7631**

MCN TANF PROGRAM

The primary mission of the MCN TANF program is to increase self-sufficiency within our native families by breaking the cycle of dependency on welfare program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OF THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA PLEASE CONTACT

**TANF DEPARTMENT
800-482-1979 ext. 7985.**

You may meet with a TANF worker
**WEDNESDAYS DURING
THE MONTH OF JULY AND
AUGUST 9AM - 4PM**

MCN NATIONAL COUNCIL

**THOMAS YAHOLA
TUKVPVTCE DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE**

will be in the Wetumka office
**EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM
9:00AM - 4:00PM.**

ANY OTHER DAY CALL
**405-452-1156
FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

MCN WIC PROGRAM

A WIC Program representative will be available at the Wetumka Office

**THE 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH.**

FOR INFORMATION OR TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CALL

**1-800-648-2302
or 405-452-1155**

MCN DIVISION OF HEALTH BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

A Behavioral Health Counselor will be available on Tuesday by appointment.

**TO SCHEDULE AN
APPOINTMENT OR FOR
MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL
(918) 623-3010.**

ALL PROGRAM OFFICES ARE LOCATED AT
**333 S. Washita, Wetumka, OK
(Old Wetumka Hospital)
405-452-1100**



Social Services now offering LIHEAP assistance

Media Release
MCN Social Services

OKMULGEE — LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is available for low-income Native families residing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation service boundaries.

New participants may apply beginning June 14, 2010. We will continue to take applications through September 30, 2010, or until the funds are exhausted.

To apply for services, please choose one of the following options:

Applicants may choose to apply:

1) IN PERSON - No appointment is necessary and clients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Office hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. We are located at 2971 N. Wood Drive, just north of Housing.

2) BY MAIL – Please mail all documents to: MCN Social Services, Attn: LIHEAP, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not mail your cards or original documents.

3) BY FAX – Please fax all documents to 918-759-9988 and include a cover sheet addressed to LIHEAP.

4) IN YOUR COMMUNITY – Please contact our office to find out when we will be visiting your com-

munity.

Those who wish to apply should provide:

1) Tribal enrollment cards and Social Security cards for everyone in the household

2) Driver’s License for those without a tribal enrollment card

3) Electric bill

4) Copies of all income sources

5) Phone number (in case we need to contact you)

6) Authorization for Social Services to sign the application (if mailing or faxing)

7) Non-Duplication statement: Statement detailing any assistance received in the past 12 months from any federal, state, tribe, community, and/or church agency or the like with utilities and/or deposits.

8) Additional documentation may be required based on your individual situation.

Applicants should keep paying their bill until they receive an approval letter. Please allow at least 45 days for processing.

Please contact Social Services at (918) 759-2334 if you need additional information. The toll-free number is 1-800-482-1979 ext. 7995.

Social Services helps with back-to-school

- MCN School Clothing Program now underway

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Shiny new shoes, socks, pants, dresses, shirts and jackets are part of the back-to-school shopping ritual that signifies the beginning of each new academic year for school-age children.

However, not all children are able to participate in the back-to-school shopping spree due to financial hardship or other reasons, according to Muscogee (Creek) Nation Social Services Director Julie Ziri-ax.

“We try to bridge the gap, so that children are able to have new clothes for the school year, which helps build their self-esteem,” said Ziri-ax. “With the economic situation like it is today, it is a nice to be able to help parents out and provide money for new clothes.”

While there is no financial criteria for applicants, children must be enrolled Muscogee (Creek) citizens attending or enrolled in a public, private or homeschool program, headstart through grade 12.

Qualified applicants may receive \$200 per eligible child to be utilized for purchases of school clothing. Receipts for all purchases are due 90 days after the check is issued to program participants. Purchased clothing receipts should be kept separate from other purchases, such as groceries, to help streamline the process.

Also, receipts should not be marked or highlighted in any way, as

this causes the print to fade.

“This program is listed on our Web site in great detail and is updated every couple of weeks,” said Ziri-ax. “The Web site also lists, in the application packet, the items that are not allowable for purchase.”

“You would not believe some of the items we see on the receipts,” said Ziri-ax. “\$400 dollars worth of jewelery, pajamas and hair accessories are not considered school clothing. We look for items like socks, underwear, pants, shirts, jackets, shoes, etcetera, as these are the clothing that children will wear to school.”

If three or more children are listed on an application, a W9 form (which is included in the packet) will need to be completed for tax purposes and a 1099 form will be mailed to the applicant at the end of the year.

“The program keeps growing, year after year,” said Ziri-ax. “In 2008 we assisted around 8,000 children, in 2009 we assisted 9,041 children and this year, to date, we have assisted 4,531 children.”

The program runs May 3 – Sept. 3, 2010 and will potentially assist several thousand more, before the end of September.

Another feature of the program is that postcards are sent to assist applicants during different stages of the process.

Once an application is received, a postcard is sent to the applicant to let them know. A second postcard is then sent 30 days prior to the due date of the receipts.

If receipt(s) total less than the amount distributed to the individual, then a third postcard is sent to the applicant, giving them a last chance to return all of their receipts.

If all receipts are received and the total spent is equivalent to the total received by the applicant, a fourth closed-file postcard is sent, informing the applicant that they are eligible for the program next year.

If totals do not add up, applicants will receive notification of their ineligibility for the program for 2011-2012.

“We incorporated the postcard process to make it easier for our applicants,” said Ziri-ax. “We had a lot of feedback from participants whose chief complaints were that they were never sure if their applications had been received, or they did not know they were ineligible until the next year.”

“The postcard process is a way to keep everyone up-to-date on the status of their application and makes is easier for all of us,” said Ziri-ax.

For more information or an application for the School Clothing Program contact Social Services at (918) 756-2024 or visit the Web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov.

MCN Social Services, TANF and Food Distribution Field Schedule July 2010		
Field Site	Location	Date
Bristow	Community Center 9:00 am – 10:30 am	2 nd Thursday of month
Checotah	Community Center 9:00 am – 10:30 am	3 rd Thursday of month
Eufaula	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:30 am	3 rd Tuesday of month
Holdenville	Community Center 9:00 am – 11:00 am	4 th Thursday of month
Koweta	Community Center 8:30 am – 11:00 am	2 nd Tuesday of month
Okemah	Nutrition Center 9:00 am – 10:00 am	2 nd Wednesday of month
Sapulpa	Community Center 9:00 am – 11:00 pm	3 rd Wednesday of month
Weleetka	Community Center 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	2 nd Wednesday of month
Wetumka	Creek Nation offices (old hospital) 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Mondays, beginning July 12

Food Distribution Program eliminates tailgate sites

Media Release
MCN Food Distribution

OKMULGEE — Due to decreased participation at the Okemah, Weleetka and Checotah tailgate sites, the program will no longer delivering food to these communities.

Other tailgate sites will remain operational in conjunction with the TANF and Social Ser-

vices schedules with the exception of Holdenville which will be available for pickup the third Thursday of each month from 9-11 a.m.

Contact phone numbers for Food Distribution staff have also changed to the following: Main Number (918) 549-2401, Anna Cruce (918) 549-2402, Nelson Harjo (918)

549-2403, Wendell Edmundson (918) 549-2404, Anita Lowe (918) 549-2405, Rebecca Hubbard (918) 549-2407, Virginia Williams (918) 549-2408, Natasha Edmundson (918) 549-2409, Rosie Berryhill (918) 549-2410, Fax Number (918) 549-2419.

Stinky or not – love your feet

Jill Raley, RN

Educator, Sapulpa Diabetes Program

OKMULGEE — What comes in a variety of sizes, colors, and smells and are used every day? Our feet.

Our feet are very important to us. They help us to walk upright and keep our balance. We often take our feet for granted and don't give them a second thought as we go through our day. However, we need to take basic measures to take care of our feet for a lifetime.

Normal everyday use exposes our feet to various infections and injuries. Persons with diabetes tend to have problems with their feet because over time high blood sugar causes nerve damage. Uncontrolled blood sugars also cause poor blood flow to your lower legs.

You may not be able to feel your feet due to nerve damage. This is called diabetic neuropathy. Nerve damage can cause loss of pain or feeling in the toes, feet, and legs. Or it could cause an increase in pain, burning, or a 'pins and needles' feeling. Loss of sensation in your feet increases the risk of injury.

If your foot is numb, you may not notice a blister or sore. Left untreated, the blister or sore could become infected. Poor blood flow in people with diabetes may cause feet wounds to heal slowly. The best way to treat foot problems is to prevent them.

Check your feet every day.

- Examine in a well lit area.
- Use a mirror or have someone else check your feet. Check the bottoms of your feet and in between each toe.

- Look for bruises, wounds, or discoloration.

- Examine nails for changes in color or thickening.

Wash feet with warm soapy water every day.

- Rinse well and pat dry, especially between the toes

- Rub lotion on dry areas—do not put lotion between your toes. Moisture between the toes allows fungus to grow.

- Always wear socks and shoes. Don't go barefoot.

A complete foot exam is normally done at your yearly clinic visit. If you have not received a foot exam, call your clinic and schedule an appointment. Diabetic shoes can be provided to persons with diabetes that are at high risk for developing foot problems. For more information, contact the MCN Diabetes Program at your local clinic.

The information in this article was extracted and reorganized from information published by the National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC) and the Lower Extremity Amputation Prevention Program brochure, "Foot Care Tips."



Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Assistance Program

**START DATE FOR THE SCHOOL CLOTHING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
IS MAY 3, 2010!!**

WHO: The School Clothing Assistance Program is to assist Creek students who are enrolled as a Muscong Creek Citizen. Students must be 3 years old and enrolled in a certified Head-Start or 4 years old and enrolled in a public/private Pre-K program and no higher than the 12th grade. Home schooled children ages 5 to 18 are also eligible.

WHAT: A grant of \$200.00 to purchase school clothing items and/or foot apparel.

WHEN: Applications will be available beginning May 3, 2010 and will end September 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Applications will be available at the School Clothing Program office, MCN Indian Community Centers and the MCN Child Development Centers. You can also call 918-756-2024 or 800-482-1979 to request an application be mailed or faxed to you! You may also download an application at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov.

For questions or additional information, contact the
Muscong (Creek) Nation
School Clothing Program
at 918-756-2024 or 800-482-1979

The School Clothing Program Office is located behind the Social Services Building at 2971 N. Wood Drive, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Summit

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Tribal and health leaders are on the agenda to listen to citizens' concerns about diabetes prevention in Muscong (Creek) Nation. These leaders will remember your stories when they are making decisions about improving diabetes care during the coming year.

The summit brings a variety of experts from all over the nation to

speak directly to Creek citizens about diabetes care and prevention. Many of these experts are Native American. Several have also experienced diabetes personally or in their families. They will be able to speak about ways to improve diabetes care that will fit more easily into our way of living.

The morning program will be a mix of presentations and opportunities to visit learning booths and exhibits. Screening for blood sugar,

blood pressure, cholesterol and protective sensation of the feet will also be available during the morning break.

A healthy lunch will be provided free to participants while Chance Rush entertains with stories gathered while growing up in a large Indian family in Oklahoma.

In the afternoon, Will Hill and Jeanine Washington will perform a play called "The Bear and The Rab-

bit." It was a big hit at the recent opening of the "Festival of Eagles" during the Creek Festival.

We will also have breakout options for the afternoon including; yoga, kick boxing, and active games. A new activity this year is the opportunity for individuals and families to "Ask the Expert." Several experts will be available to answer questions.

The theme for this year's summit is "passing on our traditions of

healthy living." Sometimes we are so busy by the pace of today's world that we forget traditions from the past that could help us stay healthy. This year's Summit will provide an opportunity to reconnect with healthy traditions and create new traditions for good health.

For more information on the event, please contact the Diabetes Program at (918) 756-4333.

Summer Youth explore career opportunities



MNNI Angel Ellis

Selected MCN Summer Youth participants displayed skills from various areas of training at the MCN capitol. Nursing was one field students explored.

Angel Ellis
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE — Summer youth workers who are participants to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Summer Youth Employment Program take part in a special three-day academy, which is a product of a partnership between the tribe and the OSU Institute of Technology. This unique relationship has enabled students to combine summer work experience with a sampling of various courses at OSU-IT for more than a decade. The agreement allows the tribe to give students a sample of possible career choices and the institute a chance to showcase its study programs.

Students were able to explore health occupations, engineering technology and precision agriculture. After the students completed the academy they were able to dis-

play their skills at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex.

Students of the Health Occupations course performed blood pressure checks and demonstrated proper hand washing techniques. Others explained the mechanics of robots they built and showcased their devices.

The JOM Summer Youth Program and the OSU Institute of Technology later presented these 18 participants with awards recognizing their efforts to expand their interests.

"This is a great program. I encourage you to always seek to improve yourselves," said MCN Chief of Staff, Edwin Marshal. His message to the students also encouraged them to continue to follow their dreams.

Dallas Independent School District fosters cultural and educational instruction

Lee Longhorn
MNN Intern

DALLAS—The summer months leave the Dallas Independent School District's buildings quiet as children are away on summer break. For Muscogee (Creek) citizen Tracy Palmer, this time allows her to educate students on their American Indian heritage.

The Dallas I.S.D. Indian Education program sponsored an annual summer camp for students to take classes on tribal history, arts and crafts and creative writing, Palmer said.

"It's an enrichment moment of really turning into their cultural heri-

tage as they exist today and as Native people," Palmer said.

Along with projects, the students traveled to the Trinity River Autobon and the Ft. Worth Science Museum, compliments of Beard Mechanics, added Palmer.

Brenco Industrial Services paid for T-shirts that sport the camp's logo.

Palmer, along with Muscogee (Creek) citizen Leo Wesley, assist more than 600 American Indian students who attend school in the district.

The Dallas-Ft. Worth area has

three American Indian programs, including Grand Prairie, Ft. Worth and Dallas. Dallas has the largest enrollment of American Indian students in the area.

Palmer and her staff will continue to support the American Indian students to increase retention rates and prepare them for college. The program strives to become visible in the district.

"We'll continue to try and get exposed throughout the district; letting them know we have an Indian Education program," Palmer said.



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Hanna Farm harvests fresh melons

• Rural community's economic development project sees returns



MNN/Melodie Reader

Luscious Jubilee II watermelon grows throughout the summer along with wheat, soybean and corn at Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hanna Farm which is managed by E.C. Hessom.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

HANNA — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Hanna Farm is in full swing during the summer months with trucks, trailers, vans and cars lined up, as far as the eye could see, waiting to purchase watermelons from Farm Manager, E.C. Hessom.

"We have 90 acres of watermelon and sometimes, people start to line-up around 4:30 a.m.," said Hessom. "We will be busy from sunrise until 5 p.m., everyday until the end of September with people wanting watermelon."

Watermelon varieties sold on the farm include Black Diamond, Jubilee II, Royal Sweet Icebox, Yellow Meat and Giant which grow to approximately 200 pounds.

Last year, two giant watermelon weighing in at 180 and 154 pounds each were placed by Principal Chief A.D. Ellis' office for viewing and remained there for a couple of months.

The farm is a working farm which keeps the six full-time employees, including Hessom, busy.

Full-time employees Dick Cox, Andy Butler, Jimmy Gray, Susie Harjo and Tammy Bogle are supplemented by three part-time employees during the hectic summer months.

"When they asked me to come down here and straighten this out, I told Chief, I'd be more than happy to," said Hessom who is a retired rancher, car dealer and rodeo professional who enjoys leather-working in his spare time. "I'm 58 years old and this is a good job for me."

SEE FARM - B4

Council approves purchase of Creek Council House

Lee Longhorn
MNN Multimedia Intern Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council passed NCA 10-148 on Saturday, July 31, to appropriate funds for the purchase of the Creek Council House in downtown Okmulgee.

The bill would allow the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to purchase the historic landmark from the city of Okmulgee for \$3.2 million.

According to the MCN Office of the Attorney General, in 1908 the United States Congress authorized the Secretary of the Interior to take possession of all land belonging to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Under the supervision of the Department of the Interior, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation sold the building to the city in 1919 for an appraised sum of \$100,000.

Negotiations began for the sale of the property earlier this year after the city's budget was reduced from the state. The city operates the museum on a \$150,000 annual budget. Oppositions have grown from local residents who feel the Council House is a landmark for the city of Okmulgee.

The building is currently in use as a museum housing Muscogee (Creek) artwork and artifacts and the Redstick Gift Shop.

Head Start centers now accepting applications for 2010-2011

Media Release
MCN Head Start

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start Program is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2010-2011 school year. There is no application fee.

Participants should provide the following:

- Income Verification for child's parent(s) (pay stubs, W-2 form, TANF letter, SSI letter or signed statement from current employer)

- Child's Immunization Record
- Child's Medical Card
- Child's CDIB (if applicable)
- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Social Security Card

For more information or applications, please contact the following Head Start centers: Checotah (918) 473-0605, Eufaula (918) 618-6220, Okmulgee (918) 758-1430, Tulsa (918) 296-0357, Yardeka (918) 652-3822, Wetumka (405) 379-6693, Okemah (918) 623-2000.

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Coming and Going in Indian Country

by Joy Harjo

One night as I walked along in the dreaming realm I felt a tug on my pant leg. I told myself I imagined it, or that I had felt the pressure of a plant leaning toward the path. I kept walking. Then I felt an urgent tug. It was a deliberate yank. I stopped and looked down at the insistent being. There was a large snake, looking up at me with a great impatience.

“What do you want”, I asked? And I thought, this snake is maybe a little too persistent.

Most dream interpretation books advise that to dream of a snake is to dream of an enemy. In Christian mythology, a snake was the evil tempter, the one responsible, along with Eve, for the great fall of human kind from the verdant kingdom of God. In my small understanding of Mvskoke knowledge, a snake inhabits the Lower World and knows that which isn’t known in the conscious mind of humans living in the Middle World. Because snakes can cross through more than one world, they have power. In my dream experience, snakes are of many kinds, like humans. Some are enemies, some give warnings, or they are helpful messengers.

Some days I wake with a certain smell, similar to melon. I know that day I will see a snake. The last time it happened I was visiting Omaha, Nebraska, researching for a script job I was doing for Nebraska Public Television on an Omaha boy. The staff, tribal informants and I walked across a field toward the Missouri River. And there just ahead of me was the snake, crossing my path. Maybe s/he dreamed me that morning too, the smell of a human like eggs, toast and sweat, crossing its path.

The insistent snake motioned me to come closer.

“You tell L_____ to bring me a bundle and some tobacco...” said Snake. I reminded myself to hold onto the message tight as I came up through consciousness. I called my friend the next morning with the

message.

“Thank you for carrying the message from Snake”, L_____ told me. “I had put aside the painting of this snake. This was exactly what I needed to know to finish it.”

One season I worked with a producer and co-writer on a script in his office in his house in Topanga Canyon. He and his family had quite a menagerie of animals. My favorite was the miniature pig. She pranced about in her high-heeled hooves and the animal kingdom, including humans, pivoted around her. One afternoon when I arrived I could see my co-writer with a knife in his hand though it was no longer in his hand as I followed him into his office. He was still quivering with emotion. A rattlesnake had come to the animal pen, and he had to kill it. He had to protect his family and that need to protect had demanded he kill the snake.

The spirit of the snake reared up as we entered his office. The snake’s spirit was huge. The rattlesnake had been the patriarch, the protector of his rattlesnake-people. The grounds on which the man’s house stood were their traditional homelands.

I understand the need to protect family.

I don’t know why all of this snake talk, but there it is—there’s much mystery in this world.



Mvskoke Country: Hvyo-Rakko, “Big Harvest”

by James Treat

Mvskoke tradition has long recognized corn as a sacred staple. It’s among the first fruits of the land, and the Mvskoke year begins when the new corn crops are ready.

Yet this “little harvest” is followed by one that is even larger in size, if not in ceremonial significance.

Mvskoke agriculture was a mature, robust science in the eighteenth century. William Bartram, the British-American naturalist, documented these practices while visiting the heart of Mvskoke country:

“On the east banks of the Oakmulge, this trading road runs nearly two miles through ancient Indian fields, which are called the Oakmulge fields: they are the rich low lands of the river. On the heights of these low grounds are yet visible monuments, or traces, of an ancient town, such as artificial mounts or terraces, squares and banks, encircling considerable areas. Their old fields and planting land extend up and down the river, fifteen or twenty miles from this site.”

He was describing the Ocmulgee Old Fields, now part of Ocmulgee National Monument near Macon, Georgia. A recent photo of the grounds is featured at the top of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation website.

Bartram cataloged an extensive list of edible resources that sustained our Mvskoke forebears.

“Their animal food consists chiefly of venison, bears’ flesh, turkeys, hares, wild fowl, and domestic poultry,” along with domesticated cows, goats, and pigs. They were cultivating corn, rice, sweet potatoes, beans, cowpeas, squashes, pumpkins, watermelons, and other crops. They tended orchards yielding peaches, oranges, plums, figs, and apples; harvested persimmons, berries, grapes, and brier roots from the forest; and gathered nuts under hickory, walnut,

pecan, palm, and oak trees.

“Rice,” for example, “they plant in hills on high dry ground, in their gardens; by this management a few grains in a hill (the hills about four feet apart) spread every way incredibly, and seem more prolific than cultivated in water, as in the white settlements of Carolina; the heads are larger and heavier, and the grain is larger, firmer, much sweeter, and more nourishing. Each family raises enough of this excellent grain for its own use.”

“They have in use,” Bartram concluded, “a vast variety of wild or native vegetables, both fruits and roots.”

So it’s not surprising that the second month of the Mvskoke year is Hvyo-Rakko, “Big Harvest.” The name was formed by modifying the word hvyo, “harvest,” with the augmentative suffix –rakko, “big.”

Actually, there is some debate over the translation of this name. The oldest written source, recorded in 1790, renders it “Big Ripening,” and the first Mvskoke dictionary, published in 1890, defines it as “Big Harvest.” But as early as 1911, anthropologist John Swanton noted that the name might also mean “Much [or Big] Heat,” and today some Mvskokes prefer this translation of Hvyo-Rakko.

The apparent discrepancy may be due to historical or regional variations in pronunciation, or to the varied spelling systems used for written Mvskoke. The root word hiyē, “heat,” is similar to hvyo, “harvest,” and of course it takes heat to make a harvest. Perhaps “Big Heat” came into use as a playful interpretation of Hvyo-Rakko, a Mvskoke pun about the climate in Indian Territory around harvest time.

In any event, this month in cokv-walv Mvskoke reminds us of our collective agricultural heritage and of the personal health benefits that result from a balanced diet and an active lifestyle. Most modern Mvskokes do not eat “a vast variety” of nutritious foods they

produced by their own labor, though some are trying to change that.

The Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative, the Creek Council House Museum, the Food and Fitness Policy Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and other concerned citizens are doing important work in this area. The Hanna Farm Project has several hundred acres of corn, wheat, soybeans, and watermelons under cultivation, with more to come. A warm letter from Nancy Watson in the last issue of the Muscogee Nation News describes the neighborly service being performed by members of the Okfuskee Indian Community, who are delivering “fresh, clean, ready-to-eat vegetables from the community garden.”

One hundred years ago, while contacting native peoples who were once part of the Mvskoke confederacy, John Swanton visited the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, where he recorded this synopsis of an Alabama oral tradition:

“There is a story to the effect that in ancient times the bear was the Indians’ hog, the turkeys their chickens, and the [brier root] their flour, but they did not watch them so they ran away and became wild.”

Watch what you eat, and you’ll feel better—and you may also help preserve one of the finest civilizations this world has ever known.

You can find more information about Mvskoke country, including an archive of previous columns, at <http://mvskokecountry.wordpress.com/>

I welcome your comments on anything I’ve written, as well as your suggestions for things I should be writing about. You can reach me by email at treaty@illinois.edu



CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jacob Family Reunion

HOLDENVILLE — Jacob Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010 at Holdenville Indian Community Center.

The event begins at 11 a.m., with a potluck lunch. Attendees are encouraged to bring photos and stories to share.

For more information contact Johnnie Lee at (214) 205-0523.

Red Cross Blood Drive

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation will host a blood drive for the Red Cross Racing NASCAR team Wednesday, Aug. 11, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the MCN Housing Authority Building located at 2951 N. Wood Dr.

Participants may receive points for a variety of activities which can then be exchanged for prizes.

Fans are invited to enter the 2010 Ready, Set, Give & Win Sweepstakes by logging on to redcrossracing.com and clicking on the sweepstakes icon on the track.

Two grand prize winners will receive a VIP trip for two to a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race as an 'Honorary Pit Crew Member'.

To schedule an appointment and receive donor requirements, contact Denise Jacobs at (918) 732-7632 or by e-mail at: denisej@muscogeenation-nsn.gov

NICOA Fund Raiser

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation communities have banded together to sponsor fund raisers for the senior citizens planning to attend to 2010 National Indian Conference on Aging in Traverse City, Mich., in September.

As part of the effort, there will be a dance at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center on

Friday, Aug. 13, from 7-10 p.m. The cost will be \$5 per person and refreshments will be provided.

On Saturday, Aug. 14, the seniors will also host a bingo and food sale at Dewar Indian Community beginning at 11 a.m.

Indian Country Business Summit

NORMAN — The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO) and The American Indian Chamber of Texas (AICCT) will sponsor the fourth annual Indian Country Business Summit (ICBS) August 16-18, in Norman, Okla.

The ICBS is a joint project of several organizations and government agencies who work together to promote economic development and growth in Indian Country.

Topics of discussion range from state issues, to tribal acquisitions to energy, as well as legislative topics that concern small business development in Oklahoma.

AICCO and AICCT hope to provide Summit participation to business owners at a low cost or even offer scholarships to small business owners so that they may also attend and receive the benefits of the Summit at no cost.

For more information, please call Paul Bickford at (918) 261-3577.

Okmulgee JOM to distribute school supplies Aug. 6

OKMULGEE — Student school supplies will be distributed to Indian students by the Okmulgee Public Schools JOM Program on Friday, Aug. 6 from 8 a.m., until noon at the MCN Human Development Building in the multi-purpose room.

Students are asked to bring proof of enrollment for the 2010-

2011 academic year and a copy of their Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal enrollment cards (front and back).

For more information, please contact Fran Columbin at (918) 756-7893.

Seminole Little River Mission Gospel Singing

HOLDENVILLE — Seminole Little River Mission will host a gospel singing fund raiser at Holdenville Indian Community Center beginning at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010.

Everyone is welcome to attend and concessions will be available.

Deere Memorial Co-Ed Softball Tournament

OKMULGEE — The first annual Derrick Deere Co-Ed Softball

Tournament in honor of Derrick C. Deere will be held Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010 at the Muscogee Creek Nation Omnplex.

Tournament deadline is Aug. 20, 2010. There will be a 7/3 Roster required and entry fee is \$100.

For more information contact Brandee (918) 360-7099 or Elise (918) 261-0837.

2010 MCN Festival gear still available for purchase

OKMULGEE — 2010 Festival gear and memorabilia, such as, T-shirts, hoodies, totes, caps and visors, is still available in the MCN Tourism & Recreation Office in various sizes, colors and prices.

Call or e-mail for size and color availability. Orders will be taken throughout the week and be

ready for pick up on Fridays.

For more information contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732-7993.

Marshall Family Reunion

WETUMKA — The Family of Lewis and Mandy Marshall will be hosting a family reunion Monday (Labor Day) September 6, 2010 at the Wetumka Indian Baptist Church beginning at 11 a.m.

Each family member is asked to bring a covered dish, one adult gift and one child gift. There will be door prizes.

All family members and friends are invited to attend this event. For more information, please contact Irene McQueen at (405) 452-3259.

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Program Spotlight: Lighthorse Police Department



MNN/Ruth Bible

Pictured above is the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthorse Police Building which houses several divisions of law enforcement for the tribe including Investigation, Patrol, Narcotics and Search and Rescue units.

“We’re a full-service law enforcement agency. We do the same thing that any state or city municipality police department would, but we serve the tribe.”

— MCN Lighthorse Police Chief Jack Shackelford

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthorse Police Department has made improvements over the past several years to become one of the most well-equipped law enforcement agencies in the area.

The department consists of several divisions, including Investigation, Patrol, Narcotics, Communications, Dive Search and Recovery Team, Tactical Unit and K-9 Unit. Patrol officers volunteer for the additional units in which they are interested in participating.

Lighthorse Chief Jack Shackelford and Grant Writer Percy Harrell work together to research grant monies available to help expand the force and purchase needed equipment.

The sex-offender registration program has expanded with the hiring of a retired Tulsa Police Depart-

ment Officer who will start in August 2010 due to additional funding from grants.

“We applied for and received a SMART Grant (Adam Walsh Act) – for sex offender registration, which includes an officer to run the program for \$85,000,” said Shackelford. “This includes the officer’s salary, his office and equipment needed.”

“We also applied for a Methamphetamine Initiative Grant and also a COPS grant of \$1 million to buy vehicles, equipment for the officers and vests,” continued Shackelford.

The LPH is currently working off of a \$400,000 grant from last year which helped purchase vehicles and specialized equipment, such as night vision operation equipment and a FLIR (forward looking infrared camera) a handheld piece of equipment,

which is used for searches at night.

“Everything we have bought for the special operations units, like dive and tactical, have all been purchased with grants or FEMA money. None of it has been through our normal line items on our budget,” explained Shackelford.

“We’re not the same law enforcement agency that we were five years ago,” said Shackelford. “If something happens at one of our casinos in Okemah, Holdenville, Eufaula, we want to be equipped to handle it.”

“We’re the largest agency around. We’ve got more resources and more officers than the counties, other than Muskogee and Tulsa,” said Shackelford. “We have better resources than what they have. Why shouldn’t we have our own tactical units. Why shouldn’t we have our own dive and

search and recovery unit. As long as it’s not costing us anything and the men are already here. They’re doing it on their own time.”

On any given shift there may be six or seven officers on patrol in different areas. By having more officers out, LPD cuts the mileage down on patrol units. However, they still put 20,000 – 30,000 miles a year on the vehicles.

“Vehicles are an expensive, expendable resource that we’ve got to renew continuously,” said Shackelford.

Lighthorse has obtained seven or eight new vehicles with grants each year for the last four or five years which saves the tribe time and money, according to Shackelford.

LPD is still in transition and training for the dive team. The tac-

tical unit has been in place around four years and employs 13 dedicated officers. They will also participate in special training in September at Camp Gruber’s interurban warfare village, as Shackelford wants to ensure his team of officers are prepared for every contingency.

“I sent three people to Cherokee Nation SWAT team training last month, and then we’re going to get with Cherokee Nation, they have a tactical unit too, do some training with them next week,” explained Shackelford. “They’re a little bit further ahead of us because they’ve been doing it for a lot longer than we have. We’ve got the forward momentum going and I’d kind of like to keep it going.”

SEE LIGHTHORSE - B5

Lighthouse

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LPD runs three, eight-hour shifts with the night shift carrying the bulk of the patrol officers. They monitor all the frequencies, are cross-commissioned with several county sheriff's offices and assist other agencies as needed.

"Our priority is tribal," commented Shackelford. "Our secondary is to assist other agencies, if they need us."

"I just like to think that we are better trained than a lot of the state agencies, because we have to know tribal law, federal law and state law," said Shackelford. "We can go through either court. We can go to state court, tribal court and we also prosecute on the federal side," he continued.

"My policy has always been if they call and ask for an officer and we have cross commissions in that jurisdiction, we'll send an officer," said Shackelford. "We can make a determination later if it's state jurisdiction or Lighthouse. We just want to get an officer out there as quickly as possible."

"The cross commission give us the same authority as a deputy in the county," said Shackelford. "What I like to do is make sure the county aware that we're doing something, for instance pulling over a drunk driver. We're out here, we are cross commissioned and we can act as a regular law enforcement officer. It gives us a bigger area and a bigger tool to operate with."

Lighthouse calls for service were minimal five year ago, but have exploded exponentially to be where they are today. They have grown from 15 employees to 38 and look forward to expanding as necessary.

"In 2005, when I took over, Lighthouse responded to 1,700 calls for service, in 2009 we responded to 42,000 calls for service in a year," continued Shackelford. "So, that's the difference we've made from 2005 to 2010. This year its going to be just as

many."

LPD has five officers, who are CLEET certified instructors. They set up curriculum, get it approved by the CLEET training facility and then train the officers in the mandated continuing education. They also send officers for specialized training such as firearm instructor and meth lab clean-up certification.

"Right now we're about the size that we need to be," said Shackelford. "We have a lot more people now in the communities, like Wetumka, Drumright, Eufaula and I want the officers to be seen. I want officers to go to community meetings and get out there and shake hands and meet with people and let them know that we're here for them."

"We're a full-service law enforcement agency," said Shackelford. "We do the same thing that any state or city municipality police department would, but we serve the tribe."

"Officers also are required to make the distinction to see if properties are tribal land or state jurisdiction when answering the call," said Shackelford. "We keep a list current with Realty on what land is restricted, trust or state. The tribe took over housing four years ago, but we didn't take over law enforcement jurisdiction of it. The state maintains jurisdiction over the land unless the homeowner paid off their home and requested that it go back into trust status."

Shackelford wants people to know that they are here to serve and protect the communities of the MCN and proud to do it.

"We're out here. We're working. We're police," explained Shackelford. "Our job is to take bad guys off the street. It doesn't matter if they're here or somewhere else; if my guys come across them and they're doing something wrong, we're gonna arrest them."

For more information on the MCN Lighthouse Police Department, please call (918) 732-7800 or visit the Web site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

Farm

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The 540 acre farm, which is partly wooded, will utilize 400 acres by next spring as it grows corn, wheat, soybean and watermelon for profit.

"This year with the wheat, soybean, corn and watermelon we'll probably be marginal on what we spend and what we take in and next year we should have a profit," said Hessom. "I'm pretty tickled about that; that it's actually going to make a profit."

The problem with watermelon, is that it requires intensive hand labor. However, the remaining crops will be mechanically harvested and should be much easier to gather according to Hessom.

"The farm's been doing really well and the Nation has been really good to us," said Hessom. "When we've needed something, they've been really good about helping us get it, no questions asked. I just go run it and take care of it. It's taken

in more money in the past couple of years."

The farm has a combine, driller for seeding, tractors, discs and hopes to add a cab tractor and other items as needed.

"We're just expanding so much that two tractors are not enough anymore," said Hessom.

The 90-acre watermelon patch was packed with trucks, people and watermelon who were either contacted by the farm or heard about it by word of mouth. Little by little the farm is growing and gaining attention by local buyers.

Hessom predicts they will sell about 20,000 watermelon on the 90-acre watermelon patch at \$3 each.

"It's going to be a place in two or three years that gonna be so nice, you're just gonna have to keep it going," said Hessom.

"This farm had never made any money. It turned in \$6,000 one year off of watermelon," said Hessom. "The first year I was here we took in \$38,000 off of watermelon and last year we took in \$42,000 and something. This

year we took in close to \$15,000 and that's just what the wheat made, we haven't added in the watermelon yet."

In addition to selling their crops to local produce buyers, the farm, along with another farm in Rush Springs, Okla., participates in a program to sell overripe watermelon to a group to make ethanol.

"We are part of a program in Lane, Okla., where Professor Fish has a laboratory and has figured out a way to make ethanol out of the juice of the watermelon," said Hessom. "We're one of two farms in the program, the other is in Rush Springs, Okla. The professor and his team will come down here at the end of the season, gather all the watermelon and pay us \$.04 per pound for everything that has juice in it, so that we have no waste. It's a pretty good program."

For more information on Hanna Farm please contact Valerie Taryole of MCN Community Development at (918) 732-7963.



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Pictured above is Hanna Farm worker harvesting watermelons from the patch. The community's economic development project has been gaining momentum since its inception a few years ago.

OBITUARIES

BENACHE BARNETT JR



HASKELL — Funeral service for Benache Barnett, Jr. was held on June 17, at the first baptist Church under the officiation of Rev. Gary McKeen and Rev. Donald Hogue, Jr.

Interment took place at Haskell Cemetery under the direction of Dowdy Funeral Home. Pall Bearers were Rocky Webb, Roy Webb, Terry Stubblefield, Jerry Spradling, Mike Thorneberry, and Brian Parker. Honorary pall bearers were Bob Branam, Roger Graves, Eddie Berryhill, Dale Westmoreland, Bill Ford and Cliff Thorneberry.

Ben was the second child of eight siblings born June 26, 1924 to Benache Sr. and Emma Catherine Berrhill Barnett on his father's allotment near Haskell. Barnett was preceded in death by a son (at birth), Ricky Dean Barnett, his parents, his only brother Billy C. Barnett, second wife Freda Joann Bullock, and four sisters, Virginia Adams, Emma K. Mahan, Wanda Robinson, and Betty Jo Hamilton. He is survived by his step daughter, Barbra Shew, Stepson Roger Barnett, four sons Benny Barnett, Jimmy Barnett, David Barnett and Jerry Barnett. One daughter Patricia Stark, two sisters Martha McClure and Dorothy Capell, his former wife Betty Jo Barnett as well as 22 grand children, and 35 great grand children, and many other family members and friends.

GARY DEAN WATSON



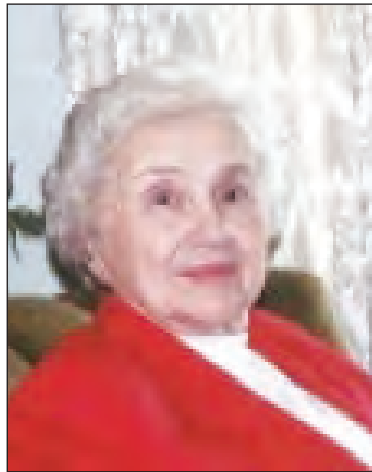
HENRYETTA — Gary Dean "Boozer" Watson, a resident of Henryetta Passed away, May 15, 2010 in Henryetta at the age of 45. Gary was born August 21 1964 in Claremore, OK to Sidney and Louise Watson-Lowe. He worked pipeline for Okemah Construction for the last 12 years.

Watson was preceded in death by his father, Sidney Watson, uncles, Ray Watson, Bunnie Joe Carter, and Albert Pace, his paternal grandmother, Fannie Watson and maternal grandparents, Dave and Nannie McNac and stepfather Ralph Powless.

He is survived by his wife, Connie of the home, three children; Sidney Dean Watson, Lakota John Trumon, Madison Watson, his mother Louise Watson of Henryetta, two sisters Patricia Marlene Watson of Henryetta, Tina Watson of Glenpool, two nieces: Melanie Watson of Henryetta, Ashley Watson of Owasso, three great nieces and nephews, as well as a host of friends and other relatives.

Pallbearers were Julian Watson, Kevin Watson, Randy Faddis, Melvin Frenchman, Matt King, Bubba Sanders, and Patrick Sanders. Honorary Pallbearers were Jody Carter, Allen Fisher, Charles Byrd and Kevin Fisher. Funeral Services were held at the Dewar First Baptist Church with Rev. Notchie Twist, Officiating. Interment was held at Arbeka Indian Baptist Church Cemetery under direction of Integrity Funeral Service.

JOSEPHINE THOMAS



OKMULGEE — Josephine Lenore Thomas, 90, lifelong Okmulgee resident, died Thursday, June 17, 2010 at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. She was born October 28, 1919 in Okmulgee to Joe and Edith (Wyrick) Hardridge. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper at Johnson Butane and Propane and later at Creek Nation Housing and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She was a tribal member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Josephine enjoyed playing the piano, sewing, reading and playing bridge. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she had been active for many years, the Wednesday Morning Music Club, Bridge Club and the Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Robert Thomas, and two brothers, Richard and Joe T. Hardridge. Survivors include her daughter, Juliene Stone, of Okmulgee, grandchildren, Dianne M. Jones of Okmulgee, Suzanne Shields of Spokane, Washington, Robert T. Stone of Dover, Pennsylvania, and great grandchildren, Olen and Alison Shields and Alexander Gilmore, all of Spokane, Washington, Thomas and Jon Stone of Dover, Pennsylvania and Dylan T. Jones of Okmulgee. Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church with Reverend Jennifer Grantham officiating.

Honorary Casketbearers were Benjamin Hardridge, Robert Hardridge, Thomas Jones, Dylan Jones, Joseph Hardridge and John Hardridge.

GWENDALYN HILL

CHECOTAH — Gwendalyn Sue Hill, 55, of Checotah, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2010 at the Epic Medical Center. Gwendalyn was born on November 17, 1954, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma the daughter of Morris and Mercedes (Scott) Barnett.

She graduated from high school and later attended nursing school. On February 12, 2005, Gwendalyn married Colbert Hill at the Okfuskee Indian Baptist Church. She worked as a nurse.

Survivors include: her husband, Colbert, of the home; her son, Scott Allen Bahe and wife Mandy of Checotah; her daughter, Tammy Lynn Barnett of McAlester; her step son, Colbert Hill, Jr. of Houston, Texas; five brothers, Darrell Barnett of Tulsa, Freddie Barnett of McAlester, Eddie Barnett of Eufaula, Bruce Barnett of McAlester and Roscoe Barnett of Checotah and her grandchildren, Christian and Kaseton Dunback. She is preceded in death by her parents and a son, Morris Shawn Bahe in 2000.

A wake service was held 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 15, 2010, at the Kelley Memorial Chapel. Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 16, at the Okfuskee Indian Baptist Church with Reverend Raymond Beaver officiating. Pallbearers were Bruce Barnett, Fred Barnett, Marcus Shane Barnett, Manuel Barnett, Byar Beaver, Brent Allen Billie and Sonny Harjo. Honorary pallbearers were Rusty Powell, Norman Daniels, John Scott Jr., and Mitchell Barnett. Burial followed at the Barnett Family Cemetery under the direction of Hunn, Black & Merritt Funeral Home & Crematory.

FRED JONES

OKMULGEE — Fred Jones, longtime Okmulgee resident, died Saturday morning, July 24, 2010 at St. Francis Hospital. Fred was born November 2, 1948 in Okfuskee to Walter and Mary Jane (Yahola) Jones. He served his country in the U.S. Navy, receiving an honorable discharge in 1970. He married Sandra K. Rainbolt on April 11, 1970 in Okmulgee.

Fred was a graduate of OSU-Okmulgee, receiving his Associates Degree in Culinary Arts and retired as a baker in 2006. Fred was a member of Montesoma Baptist Church and was Chairman of the Randall Mission. He received his minister's license January 18, 2009.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Paul Jones and a brother-in-law, Kenneth Goodvoice. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Jones, of the home, sons, Patrick Jones and wife Amy of Mustang, Oklahoma and Brian Jones and wife Angie of Okmulgee, granddaughters, Bailey and Caisey Jones of Mustang and Alexis and Jlee Jones of Okmulgee, brothers, Jimmie Jones and wife Jenice of Eufaula, Walter Jones, Jr. and wife Robin Molle of Okmulgee and Loper Jones of Shawnee, sisters, Sally Goodvoice of Okmulgee, Pauline Rabbit and husband Amos of Okemah, Linda Minter and husband Don of Okmulgee, Esther Berryhill and husband Joe of Okemah, an uncle Harry Douglas and wife Geneva and a host of nieces and nephews.

Wake services were held from 6-8 p.m., at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel and at the Montesoma Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at the Montesoma Baptist Church with Revs. Jay Downing and Timmy Lowe officiating. Interment followed at the Montesoma Cemetery.

Casket bearers will be Timothy Goodvoice, Kenny Goodvoice, Justin Jones, Jarrod Jones, Loper Yahola Bear Jones, Randy Minter, Tony Jones and Terry Thompson. Honorary Casketbearers were Luther Factor, Connie Hart, David Lena, Joe Berryhill, Mike Johnson, Tecv Taylor, Major Bear and Alfred Berryhill.

CONNIE TIGER

TULSA — Connie Mack Tiger was Born August 14, 1931 to George and Lena Tiger of Mounds. His life deceased June 1, 2010 with burial in the Flora Haven Memorial Cemetery, Tulsa. He was honored with military grave site service by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Honor Guard.

Liberty High School formed his early years of education, In May 1950 Mack Graduated from Chilocco Indian School and in September he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving four years during the Korean War. Most of his tour of duty was at Misawa Air Bases near Tokyo Japan. He served in the National Guard from 1955-1957.

Mack was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lena Tiger, brother, Benny Tiger, sister, Delores Freeman. He is survived by his sister, Jane Cornell, and brother Daniel tiger, both of Tulsa, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

ADAM WILEY

DUSTIN — Adam Wiley, a full-blood Muscogee Indian, was born July 9, 1921, in Dustin, Okla. He married Elda Marie Wood of Drumright, Okla. on March 6, 1943. They had one child Pamela Kay, on August 11, 1944. Wiley attended the University of Tulsa, the University of Oklahoma and graduated from the California State University at Los Angeles.

Wiley was a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force who enlisted in the U.S. Army on July 23, 1942. He graduated as a sergeant from the Aerial Gunnery School on Sept. 4, 1942 and graduated as second lieutenant from the Army Air Corps Bombardier School October 23, 1943.

He spent five months during World War II in Italy with the 459th Bomb Group in the 15th Air Force in 1944. He flew 35 combat missions and 200 combat hours as a Bombar-dier on 15 missions.

He was shot down leading approximately 1,500 planes of the 15th Air Force over Ploesti Oil Fields in Romania. His plane was hit by heavy flak on the bomb run and blew up, killing all crew members except the copilot and Bombadier Wiley who were both blown out of the plane during the explosion. He spent five weeks as a POW in a Romanian hospital and returned to the U.S. in September, 1944.

He requested and received a release from active duty in October, 1956 after spending 10 years in SAC and then went to work for the County of Los Angeles. He remained in the Reserve Air Force until he completed 21 years of service to his country.

After graduation from Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, he was hired as a radiation physicist for the Los Angeles County Health Department. In 1969, he was appointed by Gov. Ronald Reagan as a member of the Governor's Task Force for the State of California Disaster Council.

He was honored by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as an elder of the tribe and still retained his original land allotment at the time of his death on May 16, 2010.

He is preceded in death by Melissa Wiley, Harmon, Manny and Harriette Wiley.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, his daughter Pamela (Frank) Honish and two grandchildren, Frank Lee Honish, Jr. and Kalieh Honish (Karl Elhert), and two great-granddaughters, Mckenzie Honish and Riley Elhert.

He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery August, 25, 2010 with full military honors as a Purple Heart recipient and a POW.

THANK YOU

OKMULGEE — Thank you to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and all the people who were involved in the funeral arrangements and helping during our loss. She will be sorely missed.

Thank you,
Colbert Hill and Family

THANK YOU

OKMULGEE — We would like to show our appreciation to everyone who was there for us in our time of need. We want to thank Arbeka Ceremonial Ground, Alabama Ceremonial Ground, Holdenville Indian Community Center, Faith Baptist Church of Dustin, and the Muscogee Creek Nation Social Services and Communications Department for the wonderful memorial cards.

We really appreciate everyone for being there with us and to those who may have sent flowers or food.

Mvto,
The Family of Tuffie Silas Pigeon

THANK YOU

OKMULGEE — Jim and Shirley Givens would like to thank the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for its kind and loving heart to us when we lost our dear Stephanie. We thank the Muscogee Nation for stepping in and helping us during a time of great sadness and grief to our family.

The young ladies at Social Services were wonderful and sympathetic as was the young lady at Warehouse Market.

God Bless you all,
Jim and Shirley Givens

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MCN Communications Department
PO Box 580,
Okmulgee, OK 74447**

BIRTHDAYS

NOKOSE BERGERS



HOLTON, Kansas — Nokose Bergers celebrated his third birthday with family in Lawrence. He is the son of Alisha Culley of Holton and Josh Bergers of Topeka. He has one younger sister, Danielle.

He is the grandson of Dollie Scott and Bill Culley and great grandson of Dora Neconish of Holdenville and the late Lona and Joseph Scott.

DAYNE BILLIE



ALBANY, Ore., — Dayne Allen Billie celebrated a birthday on June 15 with a Toy Story 3 party.

Billie is the son of Allen and Mary Billie. He is the grand son of Lon Bear and the late Susanna Bear of Okemah; Thomas and Jane Billie of Big Cypress Reservation in Florida. He is the great grandson of the late Henry and the late Louise Deeringwater, the late Bill Osceola and Frances Osceola and Alice Billie of Big Cypress.

CONNIE EDMONDS



MORRIS — Connie Edmonds celebrated her birthday July 20, 2010.

Connie is the daughter of the late Delilah Wittman. She is the sister of Victoria and Thomas Yandy.

Connie is the granddaughter of the late Betsy Factor, the late Betsy Powell and the late George Wittman and the great granddaughter of Lizzie and Topley Powell.

She is of the Wind Clan.

BIRTHS

ADDISON MCGEHEE



CUSHING — Addison Rae McGehee was born April 19, at the Cushing Regional Hospital to Kris and Danielle McGehee of Stillwater, Okla.

She weighed six pounds and measured 18 1/2 inches. McGehee has a brother, Kason. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Robby Booth of Cushing, and Dwain and Marsha McGehee of South Fork, Co.

And Still the Waters Run: *Natchez among the Creeks*

George Windes
CMCA Historian

YORBA LINDA, Calif. — When the Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto visited Native peoples along the Mississippi River in 1540, only one nation of mound building and sun-worshipping natives survived. A chiefdom of nine towns maintained a remarkable old way of life, even into the eighteenth century. We know them as the Natchez (pronounced Natche).

When French missionaries visited the cabins and plazas of this tribe in 1700, they saw people clothed with full-body tattoos, copper jewelry, long feather capes and headdresses. Their leaders descended the ramps of low earthworks to show the visitors around their towns.

The French soon became associated with a principal war chief, a nobleman named Tattooed Serpent. He was second in rank only to his brother, the nation's high priest, the Great Sun. Over the next few years they were invited to sacred pipe ceremonies, saw the tribe's Osage orange tree and learned more about their unique social system.

At the apex of the system was the Great Sun, his wives and relatives. Next a tier of high nobles, followed by lesser nobles & honored men. At the bottom were commoners, known as stinkards, and then finally the slaves, usual prisoners of war. The upper class males had to always marry down, finding wives through the stinkards. Inheritance was through the female line, so only the offspring of those middle class marriages might actually move up the social ladder.

Mounds were important to their religious beliefs. The Great Sun (whose feet were only allowed to touch woven mats,) greeted his elder brother (the Sun) in the sky from his mound each morning. Eventually the French were lead to the fire temple near Saint Katherine's Creek where they recorded the Natchez creation myth and meaning of the sacred flame. You can visit the royal mounds visitor's center near Natchez, Ms. today.

We don't know if the French were shown another mound, which had been recently abandoned, just ten miles east of Natchez. It is called the Emerald Mound. The raised platform ran 800 feet in length, 230 feet in width and thirty-five feet high. Larger than two football fields, it's the third largest religious structure in the new world. The park service calls it "untended, unexplained, but astonishing." It was used 1300/1650 A.D.

Warfare erupted between the two cultures eventually. The French desired the rich fields and orchards of the Natchez. There was a brief temporary truce in place, when the Tattooed Serpent died in 1725. His funeral was overwhelming, as if his passing signaled the fate of his Nation. He was probably the last royal tribal dignitary interned in a Native earthwork (mound). Several of his clan chose to join him in his final sleep.

A few years later the French encroachments reached the breaking point. Great Sun led his warriors against them. Their fort was destroyed and hundreds killed. In furious retaliation, the French

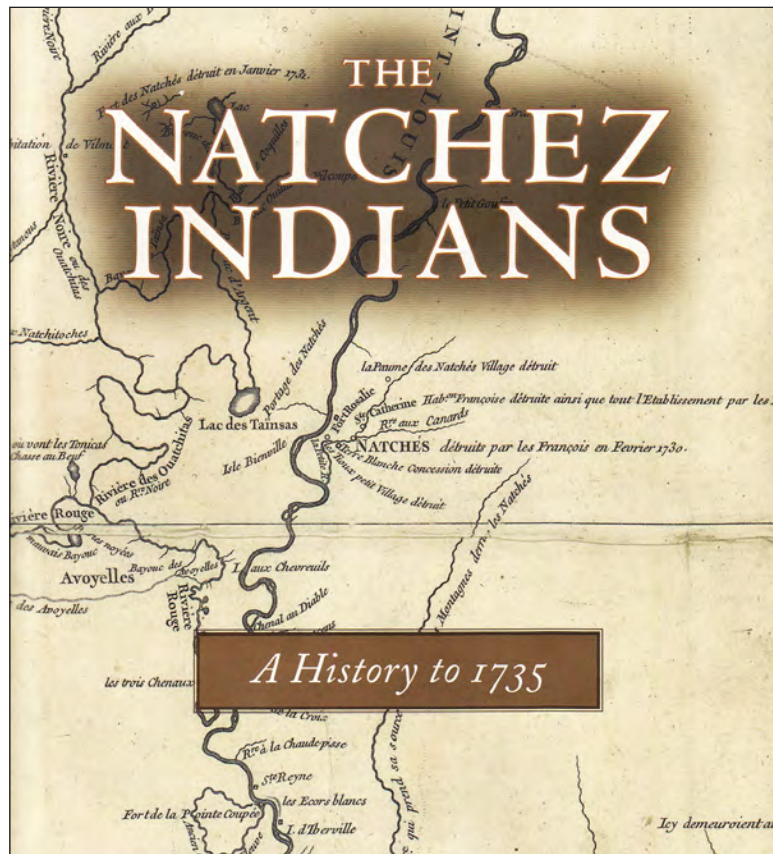


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Pictured above is the book cover of a 2007 well written history by James Barnett of the Natchez until the year 1735.

slaughtered most of the tribe. Some survivors, including Great Sun, were taken to Mobile and shipped to the Caribbean as slaves. Others were welcomed in the Chickasaw, Cherokee and Creek Nations.

A youthful village chief named Chinnaby led part of his deposed people to Talladega Co., Alabama. He was given the deserted town of Coosa and renamed it Natche. His three royal nieces, Haw, Sinahoway and Elizabeth married traders. They became the progenitors of the Stiggins, Fisher and Qualls Muscogee families. Haw's daughter, Mary, married Billy Weatherford. They were my great great-grandparents.

The anthropologist James Mooney once wrote that the Natchez were a breed apart, regarded with awe, "as a race of wizards and conjurers." As the custodians of ancient knowledge, they led dances, brewed medicines. From an estimated population of four thousand in

1650, only a few full bloods were left by 1940. Only two old women still spoke the language fluently.

Today the Natchez tribe continues, though without state or federal recognition. They are within the Creek confederacy, with most memberships tied to the Dawes Rolls. They are found mainly near Gore, Oklahoma (a place called Notchietown), in the Creek Nation (mostly around Eufaula) and at Fort Smith, Arkansas. A couple of small clans who never came west reside in South Carolina and Georgia. The recognized leader today is (Hutke) Fields. He lives at Notchietown and speaks some Natchez.

Windes has been an active member of the California Muscogee Creek Association for a decade and is serving on the Board as historian. He may be reached at: georgewindes@gmail.com



NAJA
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Gerald Wofford, co-host of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Native News Today television show received an "Honorable Mention" in the General Excellence for Television category.

Dr. James Treat, professor at the University of Illinois, received second place for his monthly column, *Mvskoke Country*.

Christina Good Voice, senior reporter at the *Cherokee Phoenix* newspaper and Muscogee (Creek) citizen, received first place for Best News Story monthly/bimonthly category. Muscogee (Creek) Nation member Da'Rae Friday and MNN Intern Lee Longhorn attended the annual Native Voice and Project Phoenix training sessions held in conjunction with the conference.

The training seminars introduced and assisted Native American college and high school students interested in the field of journalism. The students produced news stories for print and multimedia.

The Native American Journalists Association was founded in 1984 when a group of American Indian journalists came together to discuss the role of American Indian journalists in mainstream media at Penn State University.

The group was first called the Native American Press Association until they renamed themselves the Native American Journalists Association to include radio and broadcast professionals. NAJA is located at the University of Oklahoma Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication in Norman, Okla.



Pictured above is a view from the sacred mound of the Natchez Pow-Wow, an annual event.

2010 GRADUATES

Joelle Elizabeth Aud

School: University of the Pacific

Activities: Graduate from the Conservatory of Music with a Bachelor's of Arts in Music.



Britain Nicole Back

School: Glenpool High School

Parents: Mark and Stephanie Back

Grandparents: Paternal, Jerry Back and the late Margaret Back; Maternal is the late Joe Skeeter. Great Grandparents are the late Edna Back and the late Jimmie and Sadie Skeeter.



Saxton Josiah Beamon

School: Millwood High School

Parents: Kimberly Maxwell

Siblings: Marty Wilson

Grandparents: Rena Maxwell; Karan Beamon

Ceremonial Ground: Checotah

Church: Church of the Harvest



Shaina Nykale Bender

School: Earlsboro High School

Parents: Teresa Bender

Grandparents: Bennie Jo and Deloris Bender; Great grandparent is the late Ella Bender

Clan: Bird



Matthew Dale Chandler

School: University of Central Oklahoma

Parents: Dale and Suzie Chandler

Grandparents: Bill and Helen Phillips

Ceremonial Ground: Coweta



Christopher Chastain

School: West Watkins Technology Center

Parents: Shelton and Nelda Chastain

Grandparents: Jimmy and Susie Winters and the late Clark and Nellie Chastain



James George Harper

School: Bethel High School

Parents: Walter and Renee Harper

Grandparents: George Ernest and LaVelle Little Walker

Church: Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Clan: Bear



Timothy Myles Hicks

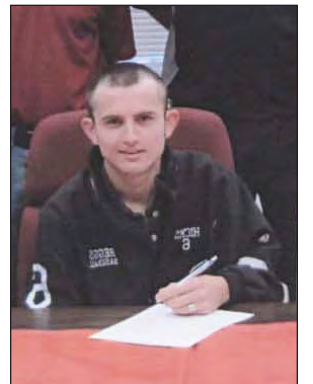
School: Beggs High School

Parents: Ty and TeShauna Hicks

Ceremonial Ground: Arbeka

Church: Calvary Tabernacle, Mounds

Clan: Beaver



2010 GRADUATES

Ashley Johnson

School: Sapulpa High School

Parents: Brian and Sherry Johnson

Siblings: Kody Whitehead and Ky Mathews

Grandparents: Tommy Johnson and the late Kitty Johnson of Bristow; Gilbert and the late Dorothy Mathews of Sapulpa

Ceremonial Ground: Nuyaka

Church: Pickett Chapel United Methodist Church



Ricardo Cullen Johnson

School: Dove Science Academy in Oklahoma City

Parents: Marvin E. Johnson, Jr.

Grandparents: Great-great grandparent, Jeanetta Barnett Johnson

Ceremonial Ground: Euchee Town

Church: Fifth Church of Christ Scientist



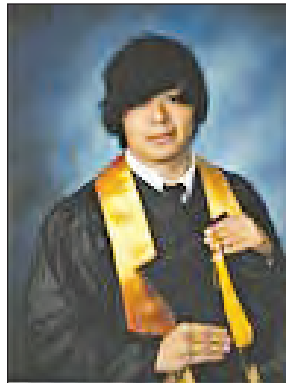
Bryan Jasper Knighton

School: Robbinsville High School

Parents: Jennifer Wesley Lawson

Grandparents: The late Clarence Deer Wesley and the late Margaret Sootawakeky Wesley

Clan: Bear



Jerricka Marnita Lang

School: Morris High School

Parents: Martin and LaNita Lang, Sr.

Grandparents: The late Betty Lewis and Jessie Barber, maternal; Lucille Lang and the late Archie Lang, paternal

Ceremonial Ground: Nuyaka

Clan: Wind



Kelsey Nicole Lee

School: Claremore High School

Parents: Scott and Jessica Lee

Siblings: Joshua, Michaela and Jacob

Grandparents: Patricia Gibson, Judy and Floyd Gordon; Ken and Jill Gibson, great-grandmother Catherine Evans.



Christopher Allen Loftin

School: L C M High School

Parents: Terry and Lillian Loftin

Siblings: Terry Loftin, Jr. and Crystal R. Loftin

Grandparents: Clyde and Lori Loftin, Paternal; Betty Nye and Jimmy Skinner, Maternal.

Church: Pine Forest Baptist Church



Edward F. Mouss II

School: College of the Muscogee Nation

Ceremonial Ground: Tukvpytce

Clan: Raccoon



Shawn Bradley Ogle

School: McLoud High School

Parents: Linda Youmans Ogle and the late Rick Ogle

Grandparents: Rechinta Youmans and the late Gene Youmans; Linda Hook and the late Leon Ogle. Great grandparents are the late Wesley and Elizabeth Smith Johnson and the late Augustine and Ruby Vargas.



2010 GRADUATES

Keonte LaDale Osborne

School: Union High School

Parents: LaGina Gaines and Kevin Osborne

Grandparents: Melvin and Lamisha Gaines, maternal; Willie and Patricia Craven, paternal; Great grandparent, Betty Lewis

Ceremonial Ground: Nuyaka

Clan: Wind



Monte Lee Randall

School: University of Oklahoma

Parents: Steve and Suzanne Randall

Ceremonial Ground: Arbeka

Church: Hickory Ground #2

Clan: Ecovlke (Deer)



David Rodriguez

School: Weleetka High School

Parents: Tammy Rabbit

Siblings: Michael Rabbit and Cheyenne Rodriguez

Grandparents: Amos and Pauline Rabbit. Great-grandparents Edmond and Bertha Chalakee Rabbit and Walter Sr., and Mary Yahola Jones. Great-great grandmother, Cindy Hill

Ceremonial Ground: Nuyaka

Clan: Raccoon



Leah Elizabeth Scott

School: Holdenville High School

Parents: Annette Lowe

Grandparents: The late Angel and Elizabeth Lowe and the late Bill and Senora Scott

Ceremonial Ground: Tukvptce

Church: Holdenville First Indian Baptist Church

Clan: hotvle



Sandra Smith

School: University of Arkansas

Parents: Roger Smith and Sebrina Lee

Grandparents: Homer and the late Carol Smith, paternal; Simeon Lee and Winey Beaver, maternal.

Ceremonial Ground: Kialegee

Clan: Bear



Shay Michael Still

School: University of Central Oklahoma

Parents: Mike and Melony Still

Grandparents: Bob and Loretta Fife Alwert and Fay Still. Great grandparents are the late Taylor Lowe Fife and Dollie King Fife, paternal.

Clan: Bear



Brandy Tholstrup

School: Bishop Carroll Catholic High School

Parents: Greg and Becky Tholstrup

Grandparents: Bob and Judy Allen and the late Helena (Chalakee) Allen; Norman and Mary Tholstrup

Tribal Town: Cheyaha

Clan: Nokose (Bear)



Taylor Tiger

School: Glenpool High School

Parents: James and Mary Tiger

Grandparents: Clarence Tiger, Lena Tiger, Larry and Rosie Wallace

Clan: Deer



2010 GRADUATES

Shaphan Taylor Alwert

School: Owasso High School and Tulsa Technology Center

Parents: Canuky and Melissa Alwert

Siblings: Mikaela, Hannah and Elijah Alwert

Grandparents: Robert and Loretta (Fife) Alwert, paternal; Phil and Bonnie Bennett, maternal

Clan: Bear



Sherri Treat

School: Oklahoma State University

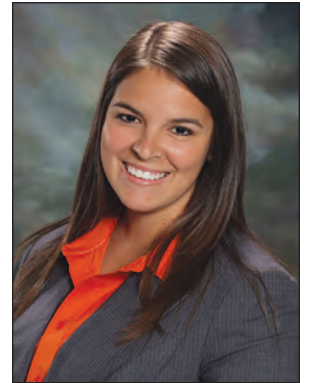
Parents: Paul and Angie Treat

Grandparents: Cynthia Factor, Linda Brand, Jim Treat, Keneth Brand

Tribal Town : Beggs

Church: Crossroads Baptist Church

Clan: Alligator



Christopher Alan Reader

School: Mounds High School

Parents: Glenn and Melodie Reader

Siblings: Daniel, Hannah and Samuel Reader

Grandparents: William "Bill" and Kathryn Nation Sivadon, maternal; Richard and Phyllis Farmer Reader, paternal.

Tribal Town: Broken Arrow

Church: Mounds United Methodist Church

Clan: Wind



Daniel Alan Reader

School: Mounds High School

Parents: Glenn and Melodie Reader

Siblings: Christopher, Hannah and Samuel Reader

Grandparents: William "Bill" and Kathryn Nation Sivadon, maternal; Richard and Phyllis Farmer Reader, paternal.

Tribal Town: Broken Arrow

Church: Mounds United Methodist Church

Clan: Wind



Talia Jimboy

School: Okmulgee High School and Green Country Vo-Tech

Parents: Tiarra Jimboy

Grandparents: Elmer and Debbie Jimboy and Brenda LaSarge

Church: Second Baptist Church

Clan: Possum



Wynter Dawn Wind

School: Sasakwa Public Schools

Parents: Sally and Jason Brauning and William Wind

Grandparents: Roman Hill and the late Dopra Hill; Jesse and Martha Wind; great-granddaughter of the late Jimmy and Nancy Carbitcher and the late Joe and Cora Billy

Church: High Spring Church

Clan: Deer



Trevor Frank

School: Glenpool High School

Parents: Newman, Jr and Florence Frank

Grandparents: Marie (Brown) Washburn and the late Dimmie Washburn; Louvina (Chalakee) Frank and the late Rev. Newman Frank, Sr., paternal

Church: Concharty United Methodist Church

Ceremonial Ground: Duck Creek



Joshua Taylor Roberts

School: New Lima High School

Parents: Sharon Yargee and George Factor

Grandparents: Tarpie and Amy Yargee, Roy Roberts, Velma Coker; great granddaughter of Winey Yargee



2010 GRADUATES

Kathryn Rae Sunny

School: Catoosa High School
Parents: Walter and Lisa Sunny
Grandparents: Tom and Margie Sunny, paternal; Byrl and Katie Littlejohn, maternal
Church: Honey Creek Church
Tribal Town: Cheyaha



Douglas Glenn Hill

School: Northeastern State University
Parents: Sammy Hill and Becky Savage
Grandparents: The late Hal Savage and Minta Graveman, maternal; Joann Powell and the late George Hill, paternal.
Tribal Town: Broken Arrow
Clan: Beaver






Andrea Nicole Caywood

School: Mounds High School
Parents: Andrew and Melissa Caywood
Siblings: The late Jon Caywood and Nicholas Caywood
Grandparents: Danny and Neomi Lindsey, maternal; Samuel and Susan Caywood, paternal, Louise Whitlow, maternal great-grandmother
Tribal Town: Broken Arrow
Church: Mounds United Methodist Church
Clan: Wind

Nikki Smith

School: Keys High School
Parents: Ira and Dana Smith and Suzanne Thomas Smith
Grandparents: Ralph and Marjorie Smith, paternal; German and Ruby Thomas, maternal

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Miss Indian OU leads by example

Lee Longhorn
MNN Multimedia Intern Reporter

NORMAN — After a summer of traditional stomp dancing, making hand-sewn ribbon skirts with colorful patchwork, Millie Bigler will don her creme colored sash as representative “Miss Indian OU 2010-2011.”

Bigler, Menominee/Yuchee and enrolled Muscogee (Creek), is a sophomore mechanical engineering major at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

Bigler wanted to be a role model for younger students, other people and teenagers, she stated. “Encourage others that it’s possible to go to school and keep their traditional ways,” Bigler added.

Bigler is an active member of the Polecat Ceremonial Ground near Kellyville, Okla.

“I actually do participate in my ceremonies and try to keep our traditions alive rather than just

talk about it,” Bigler stated.

Bigler beat junior psychology major Kellie Brown for the title. Her introduction, talent and traditional dress centered on Yuchee culture.

Traditionally, Miss Indian OU makes appearances at various powwows and other events, however, Bigler isn’t active in that area of Native American culture.

“At the OU pow-wow, I actually had to go out by myself and it was a little awkward cause I don’t really dance pow-wow,” Bigler said. Bigler felt comfort having her grandmother at her side the second time she danced, she added.

Bigler is an active student at OU, participating in the American Indian Student Association, American Indian Science and Engineering Society, the Engineering Club, and earned a spot in the “Pride of Oklahoma” marching band playing flute.

Bigler was a former drum major at her alma mater, Sapulpa High School.

“As drum major you have to be up in front of everyone and it’s the same way with Miss Indian OU,” she stated.

Bigler was unsure of whether to run in the pageant, at first. Bigler, changed her mind after an outpour of support from her friends and family.

“I wasn’t sure if I should run for the pageant, cause I wasn’t sure if I could get it being a freshman,” Bigler said. Rules state that Miss Indian OU is required to maintain a 2.0 GPA and stay away from drugs, alcohol, and live-in boyfriends.

For now, she’s currently working on the music to once again audition for the “Pride of Oklahoma.”

Back-to-school immunizations a must for every student

Media Release
Oklahoma State Department of Health

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma State Department of Health reminds you that now is the best time to check your child’s immunization record and schedule a visit with your health care provider or local county health department to obtain any vaccinations needed for school. This is the best time because clinics only get busier as the start of the school year gets closer. The demand for vaccine turns into a rush every year before school starts mainly because of the boosters due for children entering kindergarten.

Children in kindergarten through the twelfth grade are required to have the primary series of the following vaccines: DTaP (4 doses), polio (3 doses), MMR (1 dose), hepatitis B (3 doses), hepatitis A (2 doses) and varicella (1 dose) and booster doses of DTaP and polio vaccines and a second dose of MMR. A second dose of varicella vaccine is also recommended at 4 to 6 years of age, but is not required in Oklahoma.

If a child is behind with his or her vaccinations, they can catch up. Children can start school as long as they are in the process of complying with the requirements. Parents of children who haven’t completed the required series and boosters should obtain a schedule from their doctor or clinic that shows the dates when they will receive the rest of the doses. Parents can then take the schedule to the school, but the children must be started on the series.

College students in Oklahoma are also required to present vaccination records. All college students are required to have MMR and hepatitis B vaccines and first-time college enrollees who will live on campus are also required to have the meningococcal vaccine. The college requirements do not apply to students enrolling only in courses delivered via the Internet or through distance learning in which the student is not required to attend class on campus.

Vaccines are also strongly recommended for adolescents and teenagers, although these vaccines are not required for school. Three vaccines are recommended for all adolescents at 11 to 12 years of age and all teens 13 through 18 years who have not yet received the vaccines:

- Meningococcal vaccine to protect against 4 types of meningitis as the risk for this disease increases between ages 15 and 24 years
- Tdap vaccine, a booster against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough, as immunity decreases over time
- Human papillomavirus vaccine to protect against viruses that cause 70 percent of cervical cancer and 90 percent of genital warts in the U.S.
- A second dose of varicella vaccine for the best protection

These vaccines are available at county health departments, Indian Health Service and tribal clinics, and many private physicians through the Vaccines for Children Program. Adolescents and teens are eligible for this program through their 18th year if they have no health insurance, or are eligible for SoonerCare (Oklahoma’s Medicaid program), or are Native American or Alaskan Native, or if their health insurance does not cover vaccines or does not cover a particular vaccine. However, once teens reach 19 years of age, they are no longer eligible for the Vaccines for Children program.

“Summer is a good time to check the vaccination records of everyone in your family. All adults need tetanus and diphtheria boosters every ten years,” said Dr. Lynn Mitchell, Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Commissioner for Prevention and Preparedness Services.

If you have any questions about back-to-school vaccinations, contact the Oklahoma State Department of Health’s Immunization Service at (405) 271-4073 or the local health care provider in your area.

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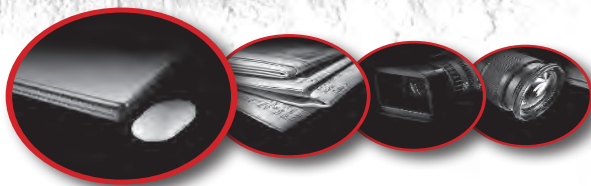


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Creek Council House is home

- Nation purchases historic site for \$3.2 million



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On Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, Muscogee (Creek) National Council Speaker Roger Barnett and Principal Chief A.D. Ellis signed legislation to purchase the Creek Council House after negotiations with the city of Okmulgee were ended in late July.

Lee Longhorn
MNN Multimedia Intern

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) National Council passed NCA 10-148 Saturday, July 31, to appropriate funds for the purchase of the Creek Council House in downtown Okmulgee.

The bill, which was signed by National Council Speaker Roger Barnett and Principal Chief A.D. Ellis on

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, will allow the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to purchase the historic landmark from the city of Okmulgee for \$3.2 million.

Negotiations began for the sale of the property earlier this year after the city's budget was reduced from the state. The city operated the museum on a \$150,000 annual budget. Opposi-

tion has grown from local residents who feel the Council House is a landmark for the city of Okmulgee.

The structure is currently in use as a museum housing Muscogee (Creek) art and the Redstick Gift Shop and will continue to house cultural artifacts and serve as a landmark for the nation's capitol.

Bristow Community to elect officers Sept. 21

Media Release
MCN Office of Community Research and Development

BRISTOW — The Bristow Indian Community will be having sign-ups for the election of community officers Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010.

Those wishing to run for the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer may sign up from noon to 9 p.m., at the Bristow Indian Community Center located at 701 S. Main. The election

will be held Saturday, Oct. 23, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., at the community center.

New member applications are now being accepted and are available at the smoke shop located at 121 W. Lincoln. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation will continue to oversee and conduct all Bristow business and meetings until Proclamation is lifted.

SEE BRISTOW - A4

Future of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Legal Services Clinic uncertain

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — On Thursday, Aug. 12, 2010, Principal Chief A.D. Ellis returned NCA 10-144 as a veto with objections after the National Council passed the legislation in July.

Managing Attorney Shannon Prescott stated in a recent radio interview that over 80 percent of the current case load at the clinic deals with family services and that the passage of the bill could potentially leave citizens without legal representation.

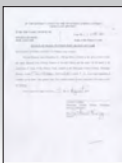
According to the veto, the bill would bring the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Legal Services Clinic under "centralized organization," which would provide less flexibility in meeting the needs of Mvskoke citizens.

"The result of passage of this legislation would be the delay of hundreds of cases currently at issue in the courts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and other state courts," Ellis stated.

The veto must have a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the National Council to be overridden.

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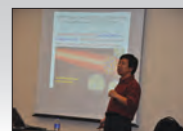
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)

NOVENA DUNSON,
DOB: 12/22/1938)

Case No. CV 2010-1854 A & B

Judge of the District Court

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: Whom it may concern

Novena Dunson, born December 22, 1938 has filed a *Petition* in the above Court to have her name changed from Novena Dunson to Novena Yahola and the same will be heard in the courtroom of Judge of the District Court, located in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, on the 5th day of October, 2010 at 2:00 o'clock P.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any person may file a written protest in this case prior to the date set for the hearing.

Given under my hand a seal this 4 day of August, 2010

COURT CLERK
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee
District, Oklahoma

By Jobie King
Deputy

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the Name Change of:)

Justin Michael Hill Francis,)

Case Number CV 2010-120
Judge Patrick E. Moore

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: Whom it may concern

Justin Michael Hill Francis, born January 22, 1991, has filed a *Petition* in the above Court to have his name changed from Justin Michael Hill Francis to Justin Michael Hill and the same will be heard in the courtroom of Judge Patrick E. Moore, located in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee County, Hwy 75 and Loop 56, on the 2nd day of Sept, 2010 at 10 o'clock A.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any person may file a written protest in this case prior to the date set for the hearing.

Given under my hand a seal this 30th day of July, 2010.

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IN THE MATTER OF:)

S.G.: DOB: 03-10-04
K.G.: DOB: 01-25-05
W.C.: DOB: 11-11-07)

Case No. JX-2009-01

Alleged Deprived Child.)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Alisha Harley, Natural Mother

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M.

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. YOU ARE FURTHER INFORMED that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

[Signature]
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:)

M.S.B., DOB: 06-07-07)

Alleged Deprived Child.)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:

Matthew W. Bowen, Natural Father

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[Signature]
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

District Court filings for May 2010

The District Court filings from May 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010 are as follows:

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Brittany Kent v. Benjamin Kent	Divorce
Lori Olson v. Brian Olson	Divorce
Patricia Simms v. William Simms	Divorce
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Benny Leybas v. Sandra Leybas	Divorce
Kimberly Smith v. Robert Smith	Divorce
Justin Hicks v. Jessica Hicks	Divorce
Teauna Hause v. Marty Hause	Divorce
Christopher Potter v. Ryann Potter	Divorce
Delaina Christer v. John Christer	Divorce
Polly Timothy v. Noah Timothy Jr.	Divorce
Stephen Burks Jr. v. Erin Burks	Divorce
Amber Mortensen v. Seth Mortensen	Divorce
Gary McGhee v. Kristal McGhee	Divorce
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Donald Pace v. Rebeckah Pace	Divorce

Family Domestic:

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Amye Alvarez v. Thomas Bolden	Ex-Parte
Corena Roastingear v. Marcus Girty	Ex-Parte
Amy Sinor v. James Tate	Ex-Parte

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	Ct. 2: Possession of Illegal Drug Paraphernalia
MCN v. Michael Cruz	Ct. 1: Possession of Illegal Drugs
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MCN v. Jeffrey Moss	Ct. 1: DUS
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MCN v. Daniel Washington	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Keonta Rushing	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Lizzie Norman	Ct. 1: No Driver's License
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MCN v. Randall Bridges	Ct. 1: Expired Tag
MCN v. Randall Bridges	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Rita Hirst	Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Adam Mobley	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Adam Mobley	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Diana Ballard	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Adrian Hefflin	Ct. 1: Alcohol on Tribal Property
MCN v. Cassandra Smith	Ct. 1: No Driver's License
MCN v. Jackie Woods	Ct. 1: Expired Tag
MCN v. Joshua Hickey	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Joshua Hickey	Ct. 1: Expired Tag
MCN v. Joshua Hickey	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Jonathan Weesner	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Johnny Whitehorn	Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Randall Mashburn	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Julie Thomas	Ct. 1: Starting, Turning, or Stopping Without Regard to Safety
MCN v. Vanessa Poland	Ct. 1: Expired Tag
MCN v. Vanessa Poland	Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Vanessa Poland	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Ralfe Crayton	Ct. 1: Expired Tag
MCN v. Ralfe Crayton	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Bobby McNutt	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Olin Mize	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Tommy Zackery	Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Tommy Zackery	Ct. 1: No Insurance
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MCN v. Sarah Barnett	Ct. 1: No Insurance

District Court filings for June 2010

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Civil:

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Brandon Boudreaux v. Lea Watkins	Petition
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Banner Finance v. Lori Fixico	Small Claims
Adrian Mitchell v. Ashley Colbert	Petition
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Banner Finance v. Marlo McCoy	Small Claims
Banner Finance v. Judy Schanks	Small Claims
MCN v. One Hundred Seven Dollars and Seventy Five Cents (\$107.75)	Forfeiture



Letter from MNN Editor:

Estonko readers!

It's officially my birthday month. Unfortunately, all I have to look forward to on my 25th is cheaper car insurance, which, sadly, I'm a bit excited about.

Another piece of news that excites me is the purchase of the Creek Council House Museum. After months of negotiations, it is once again under the right-ful ownership of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Although there was opposition from a few local residents, the history of the structure reveals an unlawful, forced sale by the federal government almost a century ago. It is great to witness the return of this landmark to the tribe, as a symbol of our sovereignty and the ability to survive, even during extended periods of turmoil.

There will be an official ceremony celebrating the return of the Council House in November and we'll be sure to keep you updated.

We are also looking for the best traditional Mvskoke food recipes and we're encouraging citizens to submit their family favorites (without revealing too many secrets). We'll have a drawing and publish the winners in upcoming editions of the MNN. I'll volunteer to be the taste-tester...

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at RLandsberry@muscogeenation-nsn.gov



Veterans' Scoop

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The Veterans' Scoop will feature articles and updates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and other credible sources.

Stop Loss claims to be filed before Oct. 21, 2010

WASHINGTON, D.C., — The Army owes about 120,000 veterans extra pay and VA is reaching out to find them. The Army is seeking soldiers, Veterans, and survivors of soldiers whose service was involuntarily extended under Stop Loss Authority between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2008. The 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Act stipulates they are eligible for special pay those eligible will receive \$500 for each month or partial month served in stop loss status. To receive this benefit, those who served under Stop Loss must submit a claim by Oct. 21, 2010. Stop Loss Veterans can submit their on line at <https://www.stoplosspay.army.mil>.

The Army encourages all candidates to visit its Web site to check eligibility and submit claims. The Army's Web site will also answer frequently asked questions about the claim process and has a link to the program's official Facebook page.

Applicants who have questions not covered by the Web site can e-mail RetroStopLossPay@conus.army.mil or call 877-736-5554. Veterans can also link to the eligibility and claims information on the VA Vet Center home page at <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/index.asp>; click on RSLP at the bottom of the left side column.

VA Approves \$2.8M for Gulf War Illness Research

WASHINGTON, D.C., — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has approved \$2.8 million to fund three new research projects that focus on testing or developing new treatments for illnesses affecting Veterans who served in the Gulf War 1990-1991. The research incorporates recommendations of the department's Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force.

"Reaching out to Gulf War Veterans is essential to the transformation of VA," said Veterans Affairs Chief of Staff John R. Gingrich. "This research is a great opportunity to do something that will improve the care and services these Veterans have earned."

About 697,000 men and women served in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from August 1990 to June 1991 during the Gulf War. In the years since they returned, nearly a quarter of these Veterans have experienced chronic symptoms such as fatigue, weakness, gastrointestinal problems, cognitive dysfunction, sleep disturbances, persistent headaches, skin rashes, respiratory conditions and mood changes. The symptoms are known collectively as "Gulf War Veterans' illnesses."

A recent report by the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Gulf War and Health, "Health Effects of Serving in the Gulf War," noted that chronic multi-symptom illnesses affect an estimated 250,000 Gulf War Veterans. Given the findings, VA is embarking on a national Gulf War Veterans' illness research program to identify and adopt the most effective treatments for Veterans.

The first \$700,000 will be available Oct. 1, 2010,



Bristow

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The following Bristow Indian Community members are also requested to update their mailing addresses with the MCN Commu-

Abermathy, Sharon Lorraine
Allen Hannah
Allen, Adrienne
Alsup, Clyde
Anderson Tricia L. (Buckley)
Barnes, Alven Lee
Barnett, Amanda G
Barnett, Jamie
Barnett, Justin Dale
Barnett, Linda Lenn (DeCosta)
Barnett, Roger
Bigpond, Elliot
Bigpond, Karl Darren
Bigpond, Valencia S.
Boyet, Mable
Brown, Glandora (Friday)
Brown, John
Brown, Lila Edith (Hill)
Brown, Lucinda
Brown, Tina
Bruner, Lewis Jr.
Buckley, Audrey B. (Bigpond)
Bucktro, Matthew Allen
Burks, Ashley Diane
Burks, Brandi
Cantrell Billy Gene Sr.
Cantrell, Bobby
Cargil, Anthony J.
Cargil, Bobby
Cargil, Janet Lee (Wacoche)
Cloud, Latisha R
Cloud, Vickie Sue
Cloud, William L.
Colegrove, Joshua David
Colegrove, Mellisa N.
Cooper, Danny
Cooper, Emily
Cooper, Ramona Eve
Craig, Shannon
Cromwell, Kendra M.
Davis, Jimi L.
Davis, Polly A.
Davis, Tony J.
Deerinwater, Ashley
Dobson, Jennifer L. (Fife)

nity Research & Development Department (CR&D).

The department wishes to provide all BIC members with information and workshop materials. Address updates may be submitted to the CR&D Department by calling

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Fenton, Justin, Cole
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Freeman, William
Fritts, Diana Lynn (Mayberry)
Frye, Mary J.
Gomez, Bernard
Grayson, Max David
Guinn, Jessie Albert
Hatley, Jonathan Matthew
Hawkins, Shelby Lynn (Mayberry)
Haynes, Dennis
Hill, Patricia (Davis)
Hill, Sabrina
Hill, Shalae
Hill, Shavon
Hill, Tamara Denise
Horse, Georgia Jo
Howard, Andrew M.
Howard Doris Lee (Mayberry)
Hutchins, Christopher Allen
Hutchins, Shannon P.
Jefferson, Patricia Ann
Kaniatobe, Richard K
Kissee, Christine (Grayson)
Knight, Charles
Lecuyer, Lawrence James
Ledbetter, Suzanne (Underwood-Fulton)
Lewis, Rodney Jerod
Little, Tommy Johnson Jr.
Logan, Dyanna Lee (Dotson)
Long, Gloria Ann
Martin, Clyde
Mason, Precious Si Mary (Brook)
McCullough, Conie Fay (Alsup)
McDowell, Jess
McNac, Carolyn sue
McNeil, Skye DeAnn (Varner)
Murphy, Daniel W
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Nunley, Jermiah Lynn

(918) 732-7972, fax to (918) 732-7971, or mail to CR&D, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

For more information, please contact MCN Community Research and Development at (918) 732 - 7962.

Osburn, Jamie
Pearson, Stephani
Peck, Rebecca (McDowell)
Peeper, Matthew Wesley
Phillips, Helen
Proctor, Johnson
Ralston, Amanda
Ramsey, Karen Sue (Cooper)
Redcherries, Luther Ray
Riley, Jerry G.
Robertson, Allison Brooke
Robertson, Amanda Nichole
Rose Allison
Rubio, Diana Lynn (Mayberry)
Sanders, Heather
Scott, Aaron Phillip
Scott, Myra D. (Worchester)
Scott, Sarah Alice
Shaffer, Elsie
Simmers, Anna Elizabeth
Smith, Linda Faye
Stone, Gertrude Mae
Taryole, Norman
Thompson, Vivian (Thorton)
Thornton, Amanda L.
Thurman, Lee Ellen (Hill)
Titus, Adam
Titus, Amos Henry (Hank)
Vandecar, Dana L.
Vandecar, Ryan
Vanderslice, Daniel Lawrence
Vanderslice, Timothy, Drew
Vasquez, Jennifer Lynn
Wacoche, Mayo
Wahnee, Steven Michael
Watson, Tommy J.
Wells, Tiffany A. (Anderson)
Wesley, Carl Jr.
Wesley, Mark David
West, Carl Jr.
West, Loleta Mae
White, Jennifer Renee
White, Travis Jared
Wickham, Jennifer Louise
Wiley, Angela Dawn

Program Spotlight: MCN Environmental Services

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Environmental Services Department offers services to tribal citizens to ensure that they live in a healthy environment.

“Most of our money comes through HUD funding, which requires us to do environmental assessments or environmental reviews,” said Del Beaver, MCN Environmental Services Manager. “That is basically when Housing is going to rehab a house, build a new home or acquire a home. We go out and do an environmental review because is required under the federal government per NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act.”

The Environmental Services Department clears the piece of land before the Housing Authority can release funds to do that project. This is the bulk of jobs which come under the scope of the Environmental Services Office, according to Beaver.

They also do mold assessments for tribal members, which is a free service provided by expert staff. Tribal members may request this through the Housing Authority, Beaver stated.

Repair charges are then determined by the Housing Authority and the homeowner.

Lead-based paint assessments are another service provided by Environmental Services. They also work with Housing on these projects, because U.S. law requires that lead-based paint assessments be completed on homes built before 1978.

If lead is found, then a risk assessment is also conducted on the property.

Asbestos inspections are also conducted on property that the tribe plans to demolish or purchase. There are five licensed asbestos inspectors on staff to meet these needs. Many employees are cross-trained and certified in different areas to help meet the demands for

their services.

They also work with authorities on testing homes which were utilized as “meth labs.” They test for methamphetamine residue to see if any remediation is needed before future tenants take up residence.

“We don’t have the problem with meth homes like we did at the beginning of the century, as the problem seems to have faded since Oklahoma passed that pseudo law in 2004,” said Beaver. “However, you still get one, every now and then; it didn’t completely wipe it out.”

“We also have funding from the EPA which is over our Water Program and General Assistance Program (GAP),” said Beaver. “Yvette Wiley runs our GAP and Water Program.”

The Water Program tests creeks, streams and rivers within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation jurisdictional boundaries and tests for certain parameters. The results are then reported back to the EPA, stated Beaver.

A new water lab is being build in the lower level of the Housing Authority building, so that water parameters may be tested on-site.

“Five years down the road we still want to be doing everything we’re doing, but our main thing, right now, is recycling,” said Beaver. “We received a grant through the Department of Energy recently, to fund this endeavor.”

The grant encompasses several items, including utilizing geothermal heating in the college, the purchase of a drilling well rig to retrofit older homes with geothermal heating and to place geothermal heating in new homes. Geothermal heating utilizes the heat contained within the earth’s interior to heat buildings in an eco-friendly manner.

It will also help cover costs of energy audits to help make the MCN tribal complex more energy efficient.

It will also help fund building the new recycling center.

“As soon as the grant is finalized, they will release the funds and we’ll begin the projects,” said Beaver. “We’re really excited about this.”

The recycling center is set to be built at the back of the industrial park. The facility is for tribal use and will accept paper, cardboard and plastics.

“The main thing will be paper, plastic and cardboard at the facility,” explained Beaver. “The tribe goes through a whole lot of paper, they also generates a lot of cardboard as well. I’m sure there will be other things that will be identified as we go along. It’s going to be a growing and learning process for us.”

The recycling center will be mainly a warehouse in which the tribe will contact different companies to pick-up the waste material as it accumulates, Beaver stated.

The Environmental Services Department also has a “green team” which has placed containers in key areas around the tribal complex to help promote the recycle program.

“Right now, we just see it as something that needs to be done at the complex and we want to provide that option,” said Beaver. “We are considering having recycling events later on.”

Environmental Services employees toured some larger recycle centers, before designing their facility.

The project is still in the planning stages and will take-off, once funding is finalized. Bids can then be accepted and the construction phase can start.

“Hopefully, we’ll see a lot of progress on this over the next year,” said Beaver. “We have a long way to go, but things should move fairly smoothly once the grant is finalized.”

For more information on MCN Environmental Services Department contact Del Beaver at (918) 549-2581.

Green Scene: summer lawn care tips

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Oklahoma lawns have suffered this summer due to sporadic amounts of heavy rainfall and sweltering temperatures. The mantra seems to be, ‘If it’s not too wet to mow; it’s too hot to mow.’

Some lawns show signs of stress; with wilted or dead patches, grass blades which are jagged, large cracks in the ground and an increase in insect damage or weed growth.

A good way to obtain lawn care information is researching the information on-line. Oklahoma State University offers turf care maintenance via fact sheets on their Web site, www.okstate.edu/extension and select the extension fact sheet icon.

I utilized OSU fact sheets extensively when working with my parents at their farm and garden store.

My parents are now retired, but the knowledge I gained from growing up in ‘The Country Store’ lifestyle has paid off in my own gardening efforts at home and in my community.

From conducting soil test analyses, helping customers with a variety of lawn and garden needs, to hosting hunting classes; the knowledge I gained has shaped the way I perceive gardening, my environment and the sustainability of the choices I make.

In order to help you grow your garden or lawn with a ‘greener’ perspective, I offer some tips from both OSU extension and myself, to help you care for your lawn during the hot summer months.

Some tips to consider when maintaining your lawn:

- Water grass when footprint impressions remain after walking over lawn. Apply enough water to wet the top 6” of soil, as needed.
- Water in early morning. When lawns are watered at night,

they have a higher tendency to get fungal problems.

- Test soil every 2-3 years and fertilize based on results (Organic fertilizers and amendments come in a wide range of items: bone meal, blood meal, composted manure, etc.).

- Mow lawn at correct height for type of grass to prevent scalping the lawn (Bermuda – 2.5” ; Fescue – 2 ½ – 3”).

- Sharpen lawnmower blades to prevent extensive damage to blades of grass.

- Always wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE) when mowing lawn (i.e. - safety glasses, ear plugs, etc.).

- Mow in the early morning or late afternoon and drink plenty of fluids.

- When removing clumps of grass from discharge, make sure mower is off and spark plug is not connected. Never remove clumps while mower is started.

- Dethatch lawn thicker than ½”.

- Apply weed control in either pre-emergent or post-emergent form, depending upon OSU weed schedule (i.e. - Organic Pre-emergent weed killer: Concern brand – contains bone meal, potassium sulfate and corn gluten; Organic Post-emergent: Concern also has a non-selective (kills all plant tissue) post-emergent which contains potassium salts of fatty acids).

- Spray organic insecticide as needed to help prevent blade or root damage to grass. (Organic insecticides include: Green Light Organic insecticide with Spinosad and for flowers and gardens use Green Light Neem concentrate).

Remember to reduce, reuse and recycle!

OCMCA lends a hand for back-to-school

Media Release

OKC Muscogee (Creek) Association

OKLAHOMA CITY — On Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association held its regular monthly community meeting.

In addition to this regular meeting a “Back to School” Bash was held for the school age children of the community. Each child introduced themselves and told what grade they would be entering. Each was given a mesh backpack with OCMA printed on it and it was filled with school supplies.

Now, thanks to OCMA these children are ready for school, and there is one less thing for their parents to worry about when school starts. For the children our potluck dinner was pizza and barbecue sandwiches.

We also had three special guests attending this meeting. Tribal member Eric Bevenue with the Municipal Code Enforcement Division of the City of Oklahoma City, Kandice Golightly from Muscogee Nation Foster Care and



Courtesy/OKCMCA

The Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association provided school bags with supplies to attendees of the monthly meeting held Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010.

Adoption Programs, and Norma Marshall from the College of the Muscogee Nation.

Medal winners and participants from the OCMA community who at-

tended the Muscogee Nation Festival Junior Olympics were also recognized.

We are so proud of our active community.

Fountainhead Creek hosts golf school

Angel Ellis

MNN Editorial Assistant

EUFAULA — Muscogee (Creek) Nation owned Fountainhead Creek Golf Course has teamed up with United States Golf Teachers Federation instructor Bruce Simms after a full-force response to their yearly golf school.

With a full class, Fountainhead Creek Manager and Golf Pro., J.D. Winkle along with resident instructor Jerry Winters joined forces with America's Favorite Golf Schools instructor in order to provide some basic golf training to 24 students who attended the golf school over for three days.

From 9 a.m., to noon, the youngsters learned the basics of moving around the course and the rules of play. The sessions closed with a mini tournament for the participants on Thursday, Aug. 5.

“We teach the students the basics, like golf etiquette and how to play the game,” said Winters. He emphasized

the importance of teaching this aspect of the game to the younger golf patron's etiquette.

“Since Fountainhead Creek has a growing membership it is good to promote the course with these kinds of schools which make the experience of golfing more enjoyable for all generations of players,” he stated.

Aside from being a great tool from the point of view of the golf course, the school is also a positive environment for the children. “Golf is a life-long sport and the discipline and dedication required by golf is something children can apply to every aspect of their lives,” said Simms. He went on to point out that even as the youth grow up, the golf course can be a great place for them to network and even cultivate their business relationships.

The school serves an important role in both marketing and retention

for Fountainhead Creek. The existing golfers can enjoy the course with the assurance that the upcoming golfers are well versed in golf etiquette. The course can also look forward to these young golfers becoming members at the course.

The partnership served this golf school so well that a full academy could be in the works. Both Simms and Fountainhead staff are planning to work together to create an extended and thorough academy, which would benefit the youth and help prepare them for golfing on the competitive level at their schools.

Since the Muscogee (Creek) Nation purchased the course in 2008, golf schools and a complete makeover have rejuvenated the course as well as area interest. Reports from management reflected a strong and growing membership for Fountainhead Creek.

OU nanotechnology professor encourages Native involvement

Rebecca Landsberry

MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — Oklahoma has one of the largest Native American populations in the U.S. However, Native Americans make up only 0.3 percent of all employed scientists, and only 1.3 percent of enrolled students at four-year colleges.

A professor at the University of Oklahoma (OU), Dr. Chuanbin Mao, has initiated the Native American Nanotechnology Outreach (NANO) in Oklahoma, with the purposes of disseminating nanotechnology knowledge to Native Americans in Oklahoma, training Native Americans with scientific skills and attracting more Native American students to science.

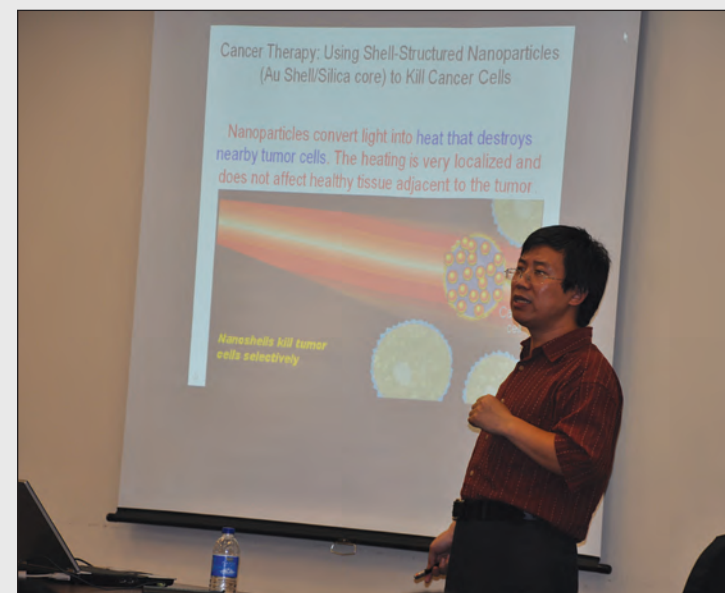
Mao is leading a research group at OU, which is made of undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral students, in the field of bio-nanotechnology. His research is unique in that it applies biology to develop nanotechnology such as using biomolecules to make novel nanomaterials and apply nanotech-

nology to develop biomedicine such as using nanomaterials for bone regeneration and cancer treatment.

One of Dr. Mao's goals is to invite Native American students to work on the NSF-funded research in his lab during the summer months where they will learn how nanotechnology can be merged with biology. The outreach will allow the students to experience scientific research in a research lab and explore career opportunities.

According to Muscogee (Creek) Nation Secretary of the Nation Kevin Dellinger, the importance of educating youth in the field of nanotechnology can benefit the nation.

“I think a lot of us don't really know a whole lot about nanotechnology and I know that's one of the main reasons Dr. Mao is here — to tell us about it and how it's applied to medicine. I think the other really important thing is getting our students involved in chemistry, biochemistry and getting them interested in this field,” Dellinger said.



MNN/Rebecca Landsberry

OU Professor Chuanbin Mao introduced the concept of bio-nanotechnology and described the advantages of integration to an audience of Muscogee (Creek) Nation administration, employees and staff on Friday, Aug. 13, 2010.

P.R.I.D.E. Summer Youth Campers Excel on the Ropes



Photo courtesy/P.R.I.D.E.

Pictured above is Koweta camper Christian Austin, determined to climb the 17ft. wall at Helmzar Challenge Course in Tulsa.

Taylor Thompson

Koweta Exercise Programs Manager

KOWETA — PRIDE campers challenged themselves in a fun and safe environment by climbing on rock walls, overcoming fear and gaining self-confidence on the ropes course, and feeling the exhilaration of flying on the zip lines. These are just a few of the activities campers enjoyed at the Summer Youth Camps.

The Diabetes Program's Prevention staff conducted the P.R.I.D.E (Preventing and Reducing Indian Diabetes Everyday) camps in each MCN clinic area in the month of July. The camps offer three days of exciting activities, diabetes prevention education, and field trips for native youth ages 10 to 15. Campers learn about diabetes and the basics of healthy lifestyles while participat-

ing in high-energy physical education (PE) style games.

The campers are as ready to learn and play the traditional Creek games such as stickball as they are familiar games. Neither was there any hesitation when authentic Creek foods were placed in front of them. It seems that the cooks from Muscogee Food Sovereignty Initiative know how to make their healthy food taste good. The grand finale of camp is the trip to Big Splash where the campers get to spend the entire day having fun in the water.

The total number of campers from all across Creek country was 135. If you would like to know more about the P.R.I.D.E. Summer Youth Camp, please contact your local Diabetes Program for information.



Photo courtesy/P.R.I.D.E.

Pictured above is Koweta camper Dylan Tabor, crossing a rope bridge with confidence during one of the P.R.I.D.E. summer camps

MCN's Smith pinned as Lieutenant

- Chief Operating Officer joins U.S. Commission Corps



MCN/Public Relations

Lt. Seneca Smith was sworn in at a formal pinning ceremony for the U.S. Public Health Service Commission Corps on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010.

Media Release

MCN Public Relations

KOWETA — On Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010, a pinning ceremony for the U.S. Public Health Service Commission Corps, was conducted in honor of Lieutenant Seneca Smith, Chief Operating Officer for the MCN Division of Health.

The ceremony was performed at the Koweta Indian Health Facility in the main lobby with friends, family and colleagues in attendance. Key-note speaker and officer performing the oath was RADM Kevin Meeks, Director, OKC Area I.H.S., Assistant Surgeon General, USPHS.

"Lt. Smith's commission to serve in the rank of Lieutenant became effective July 6, 2010, but this day is the formal pinning ceremony," said Admiral Meeks.

Smith is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is of the Wind Clan. He is the husband of Pamela Smith and father of three children; Kaya, Jonas and Makenna.

He is the son of Calvin Hill of Okemah and Jerry and Joanna

(Smith) Turner of Okemah. His maternal grandparents are the late Rev. Martin and Abbie Smith and his paternal grandparents are Mandy Hill and the late Dave Hill. Seneca graduated with his Masters in Health Administration from A.T. Still University in 2008, B.S. in Radiologic Technology from the OU Health Sciences Center in 2004, B.S. in Allied Health Management from Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) 2002, and B.A., in Chemistry from SWOSU in 2001.

Prior to coming to the MCN, Seneca served as the Radiology Director for the Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority for three years. In 2007, he began work at the MCN as the Health System Administrator at the Sapulpa Indian Health Center, and is currently serving as the Chief Operating Officer for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health. "I feel great, especially with my career path and that I am able to work for the Muscogee Creek

Nation" said Lt. Smith.

The following information has been taken from the official Web site of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps is an elite team of more than 6,000 full-time, well-trained, highly qualified public health professionals dedicated to delivering the Nation's public health promotion and disease prevention programs and advancing public health science.

Driven by a passion for public service, these men and women serve on the frontlines in the Nation's fight against disease and poor health conditions.

As one of America's seven uniformed services, the Commissioned Corps fills essential public health leadership and service roles within the Nation's Federal Government agencies and programs. For more information, visit the Web site at www.usphs.gov/

Social Services now offering LIHEAP assistance

Media Release
MCN Social Services

OKMULGEE — LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is available for low-income Native families residing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation service boundaries.

New participants may now apply through Sept. 30, 2010, or until funds are exhausted.

To apply for services, please choose one of the following options:

Applicants may choose to apply:

1) IN PERSON - No appointment is necessary and clients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Office hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. We are located at 2971 N. Wood Drive, just north of Housing.

2) BY MAIL – Please mail all documents to: MCN Social Services, Attn: LIHEAP, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not mail your cards or original documents.

3) BY FAX – Please fax all documents to 918-759-9988 and include a cover sheet addressed to LIHEAP.

4) IN YOUR COMMUNITY – Please contact our office to find out when we will be visiting your community.

Those who wish to apply should provide:

1) Tribal enrollment cards and Social Security cards for everyone in the household

2) Driver's License for those without a tribal enrollment card

3) Electric bill

4) Copies of all income sources

5) Phone number (in case we need to contact you)

6) Authorization for Social Services to sign the application (if mailing or faxing)

7) Non-Duplication statement: Statement detailing any assistance received in the past 12 months from any federal, state, tribe, community, and/or church agency or the like with utilities and/or deposits.

8) Additional documentation may be required based on your individual situation.

Applicants should keep paying their bill until they receive an approval letter. Please allow at least 45 days for processing.

Please contact Social Services at (918) 759-2334 if you need additional information. The toll-free number is 1-800-482-1979 ext. 7995.

Food Distribution Program update

Media Release
MCN Food Distribution

OKMULGEE — Congratulations to Terry Sandlin of Henryetta, who was the Winner of our Chili Recipe Contest in July. Terry received a prize bag filled with lots of fun summer cook-out items and supplies. Thank you, Terry, for your great chili recipe!!

Please make note that we have new numbers: main number (918) 549-2401 and fax (918) 549-2419.

We are now excited to let everyone know about the new items we have available in our fresh fruits and vegetable area. We now offer fresh cauliflower, romaine lettuce and radishes in the veggie area and fresh cherries, seedless grapes, honeydew melons, plums and peaches in the fruit area. These new items are in addition to what is normally offered.

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m., we offer a "Fitting Fitness In & Nutrition" class to our program participants. If you would like to join or have any questions, please contact the program or join participants on a Wednesday and see what it's all about!

We also offer Commodity Fact Sheets that are full of nutritional information about our products that include recipes, food preparation and food safety. These are free services to our FDP participants.

Tailgate sites have new times and dates which coincide with MCN Social Services and TANF, with the exception of Holdenville which will be serviced on the third Thursday of each month from 9 -11 a.m.

All home deliveries will be issued the last week of the month.

As always, check out the web site at www.themuscogeeecreeknation.com for eligibility requirements, income guidelines, monthly recipes and all current activities. Or better yet, stop by and take a look around - we have a cheerful, new updated store. We are open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.




Courtesy/MCN Food Distribution

Terry Sandlin of Henryetta was the winner of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Food Distribution Program Chili Recipe Contest held in July.

Feel free to call our new numbers listed above or 1-800-482-1.979, any of our certification specialists would be happy to answer any questions you may have or mail you any information.

MCN Social Services, TANF and Food Distribution Field Schedule July 2010		
Field Site	Location	Date
Bristow	Community Center 9:00 am – 10:30 am	2 nd Thursday of month
Checotah	Community Center 9:00 am – 10:30 am	3 rd Thursday of month
Eufaula	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:30 am	3 rd Tuesday of month
Holdenville	Community Center 9:00 am – 11:00 am	4 th Thursday of month
Koweta	Community Center 8:30 am – 11:00 am	2 nd Tuesday of month
Okemah	Nutrition Center 9:00 am – 10:00 am	2 nd Wednesday of month
Sapulpa	Community Center 9:00 am – 11:00 pm	3 rd Wednesday of month
Weleetka	Community Center 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	2 nd Wednesday of month
Wetumka	Creek Nation offices (old hospital) 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Mondays, beginning July 12



Muscogee (Creek) Nation School Clothing Assistance Program Receipt DO'S and DON'TS

Do:

- Turn in receipts within 90 days of the check issuance date.
- Turn in ALL ORIGINAL receipts.
- Turn in receipts that total the amount of your check.
- Legibly print parents name, child's name and your phone number on the back of each receipt.
- Make sure all receipts are dated AFTER the check issuance date.
- Make sure all receipts have a date printed on them.

DON'T

- Turn in receipts late.
- Cut the date off of the receipts.
- Write or mark on the front of the receipts.
- Turn in only partial receipts.
- Combine clothing purchases on the same receipts that you purchase other items on. Clothing items should be all that is on the receipts.
- Send cash, check, money orders or coins, etc. in with your receipts.

For questions or additional information, contact the
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
School Clothing Program
at 918-756-2024 or 800-482-1979

FEATURES

August 15, 2010 Edition

Complex receives face-lift

• GSA/Facilities make landscaping improvements



MCNPR/Thompson Gouge

Pictured above are General Services Administration and Facilities employees who helped make recent aesthetic improvements to the landscapes of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation capitol property.

Liz Williams

MCN Public Relations

OKMULGEE — The services of GSA/Facilities have come a long way from 10 employees in 1985, including managers Dean Williams and Danny Roberts, to their current staff of 42.

The department has worked to develop the appearance of the Muscogee Nation, giving the complex a reputation for eye-catching work.

Over the past few years, the staff has made some noticeable improvements to the landscape of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's property. They have planted an estimated 55 trees and constructed 12 flower beds in the last seven years. The beautiful

arrangements of floral coloring can be seen from a distance but as guests travel deeper into the complex they will witness the workers' accomplishments of creating a visually-friendly visit for everyone.

The vibrancy of the complex caught the attention of Okmulgee's Chamber of Commerce when they awarded the Lawn of the Week in 2009 to the capitol complex.

GSA/Facilities Manager Dean Williams explains, "We're trying to make improvements everyday." Williams also mentioned future goals that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has in store, which includes provid-

ing each new building with flower beds and sprinkler systems, the construction of a new south gate and the maintenance of existing buildings.

The work that has been put into enhancing the appearance of established buildings may be seen throughout the complex with 13 new offices built within the year, curb and sidewalk reconstruction and new signage throughout. GSA not only maintains the main complex of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation but also extends their efforts to off site properties located in areas such as Tulsa, Sapulpa, Oklahoma City, Wetumka and Hanna.

Calling all Mvskoke cooks: traditional recipe contest

Melodie Reader

MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The *Muscogee Nation News* is now accepting original recipes for traditional foods beginning Sept. 1, 2010.

Please clearly describe the cooking instructions, measurements, materials needed and recipe maker's name. Submissions will be placed in a monthly drawing for a gift certificate. Pending participation we intend to alternately publish these recipes in the MNN.

If you would like to submit a recipe, please fax, mail or drop-off a legible copy to Attn: Angel Ellis, Muscogee Nation News, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Okla., 74447 or fax to (918) 758-0824.

A return address is required, so that the prize may be mailed to each monthly winner. If you have questions or comments, please contact Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications Department at (918) 732-7697.

River Spirit Event Center celebrates grand opening

Rebecca Landsberry

MNN Editor

TULSA — Tulsa's River Spirit Casino held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the River Spirit Event Center on Wednesday, July 28, 2010.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation officials commented that the center will continue to diversify economic development endeavors for the tribe by expanding the capabilities of the gaming center.

UFC's Dale "Apollo" Cook spoke to the crowd of casino patrons, employees and tribal representatives about the "Rumble on

the River" held Friday, July 31.

"We are grateful and very pleased to be able to expand our promotions in Tulsa at this fantastic new venue for MMA," Cook stated.

The center boasts 19,000 usable square feet and accommodations for over 2,800 people for events ranging from concerts to receptions. Upcoming events include Meatloaf on Aug. 24 and Tanya Tucker on Sept. 2, 2010.

For more information, or to book an event, call (918) 299-8518 or e-mail eventcenter@riverspirittulsa.com



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George Windes
CMCA Historian

YORBA LINDA, Calif., — This is the story of a man and his hometown. It's the story of a man who lived so long, that he saw his hometown founded, participated in building it to its maximum growth, and before his death at age 108, saw folks move away and the town decline.

His name was Joseph M. Barnwell. Born June 1, 1875, in a Muscogee neighborhood named Hitchita, for a small tribe long absorbed into the MCN. The name is said to mean, "Come and see." Joseph was taken in by his aunt and uncle, Jane and John Barnwell, to be raised. They lived on prairie land, not far from High Spring and Council Hill, midway between Checotah and Henryetta.

The Barnwells had been married 25 years but were childless and often took in "wards" to educate. Getting to raise their own nephew must have given them so much pleasure. A longtime friend of Joseph Barnwell once described their family life. He said, "there were lots of people around, with Creek culture practiced and Creek food enjoyed in abundant."

A railroad was planned for the area and speculation was running high. About 1904 a townsite was laid out on the south side of the pro-

posed MOandG railroad. Just a half-mile to the west was the respected Graves Creek Indian Baptist Church, a religious beacon in the community. Wagon trains of white settlers began arriving in the area, mostly from Arkansas. The rich soil was a real attraction. The Dawes Commission was also doing its job and lands were being assigned to many Native American families.

The mixed blood family of Lloyd and Josephine Freeman and their nine offspring took most of their land together along the Deep Fork of the Canadian river, just south of town. The soil was very rich and half the land was in timber, another quick cash crop. The only problem with the river land, it was prone to flooding, which destroyed crops or washed the rich pecan harvest down river. Duck hunting was at a premium in the region. Other large Creek families included Berryhills, McIntosh, McNac, Gentry, Tiger, Harjo and Cates.

The small town grew quickly. Eventually the downtown area included a livery stable, lumberyard, blacksmith shop, gristmill, cotton gin, bank, doctor's office and barber-shop. There was a dry food store, a drug and grocery store. All the children loved the theater.

There are two famous residents, Acee Blue Eagle, Creek artist, born there in 1909, and Will Sampson, a Hollywood actor, who is buried at Graves Creek Indian Cemetery.

The first school was a small white board job, followed by a larger red brick building.

The last school, which still stands, was built for the graduating class of 1941. Several different churches were popular, along with historic Graves Creek. Their original log church was featured in the 2010 Creek calendar. The next building and shade lasted till this year, and now a new church (with original shade though), welcomes worshippers.

Around 1905, Joseph married Emma Freeman, the oldest girl of Lloyd and Josephine Freeman. Joe was a house builder by trade. He prospered and built a great many houses in Hitchita and Hoffman and along the highway between. His wealthy brother-in-law, Lee Stephenson, had a two-story shop on Main Street in Hoffman.

Though the Barnwells enjoyed his hometown and their families, the 1920's and 30's brought much change. The depression/drought caused major exits and then the young men left for World War II and moved elsewhere. The small town folded until only one store was left on Main Street. Okmulgee was the real growing city in the area and the Barnwells moved there to continue the building trade. Joe and Emma had one daughter. When she was born, the local paper committed:

"Happiest man in town today, Joe Barnwell, with the birth of his baby daughter, Gretta."

They were always anxious to help others, helping to raise a little girl when their niece was killed in a crosswalk accident. They helped with Emma's aging mother and when she



Photo courtesy of George Windes

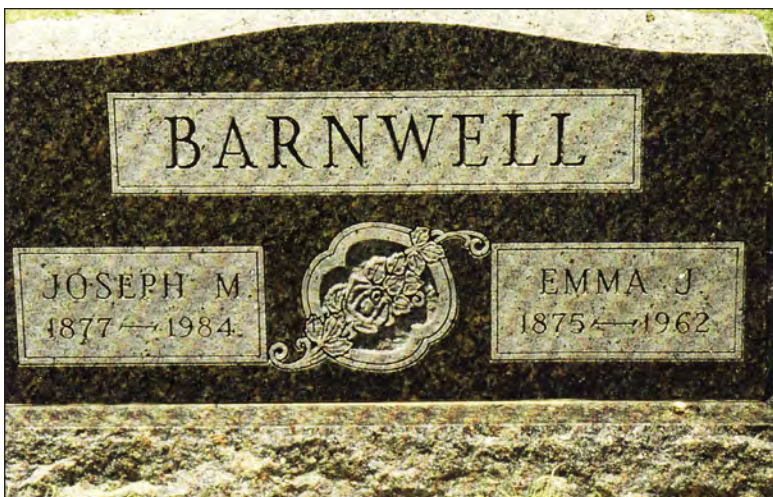
Pictured above is Acee Blue Eagle, Creek artist, born in Hitchita, 1909.

passed, they took her crippled daughter, Bessie, who'd always lived with her, into their own home. She would live the rest of her life with them.

His trade was much needed, and Joe worked for a long time. Emma died in 1962. After Joseph retired, he gained some notoriety by living to be one hundred and eight years old. He died on Dec. 22, 1984. He is buried beside Emma and her sister, Bessie, in Okmulgee Cemetery.

They only make men like Joe Barnwell, but rarely.

Windes has been an active member of the California Muscogee Creek Association for a decade and is serving on the Board as historian. He may be reached at: georgewindes@gmail.com



Pictured above is the Joseph and Emma Barnwell tombstone located in Okmulgee Cemetery.

CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jacob Family Reunion

HOLDENVILLE — The Jacob Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010 at Holdenville Indian Community Center.

The event begins at 11 a.m., with a potluck lunch. Attendees are encouraged to bring photos and stories to share.

For more information contact Johnnie Lee at (214) 205-0523.

Deere Memorial Co-Ed Softball Tournament

OKMULGEE — The first annual Derrick Deere Co-Ed Softball Tournament in honor of Derrick C. Deere will be held Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Omniplex.

Tournament deadline is Aug. 20, 2010. There will be a 7/3 Roster required and entry fee is \$100.

For more information contact Brandee (918) 360-7099 or Elise (918) 261-0837.

2010 MCN Festival gear still available for purchase

OKMULGEE — 2010 Festival gear and memorabilia, such as, T-shirts, hoodies, totes, caps and visors, is still available in the MCN Tourism & Recreation Office in various sizes, colors and prices.

Call or e-mail for size and color availability. Orders will be taken throughout the week and be ready for pick up on Fridays.

For more information contact Brian On-The-Hill at (918) 732-7993.

Marshall Family Reunion

WETUMKA — The Family of Lewis and Mandy Marshall will be hosting a family reunion Monday (Labor Day) Sept. 6, 2010 at the Wetumka Indian Baptist Church beginning at 11 a.m.

Each family member is asked to bring a covered dish, one adult gift and one child gift. There will be door prizes.

All family members and friends are invited to attend this event. For more information, please contact Irene McQueen at (405) 452-3259.

OIGA Conference

TULSA — Visit Tulsa is pleased to welcome the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association back to Tulsa for their 16th Annual Conference and Tradeshow hosted at the Tulsa Convention Center, Aug. 23-24, 2010. More than 2,500 industry professionals from across the country are expected to attend this event.

For more information, please contact ravenhawk@ravenhawkinternational.com

Chief Ellis Scholarship

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The National Johnson O'Malley Association is sponsoring a \$2,500 scholarship, named in honor of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, to be given to a deserving 2010 graduating senior.

Applications are available on-line at www.njoma.com

Deadline for application submission is Sept. 30, 2010.

Please mail completed applications to: Eleanor G. Thomas, P.O. Box 1950, Window Rock, AZ 86515.

School Clothing Assistance Program

OKMULGEE — The MCN School Clothing Assistance Program is for school age children, Pre-K - 12th grade and will end Sept. 3, 2010.

Applications may be downloaded at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov

For more information, please contact MCN School Clothing Assistance at (918) 756-2024 or (800) 482-1979.

"Following The Trail" Men's Conference

LITTLE AXE — The Native American Men and Boys Conference will be at Cornerstone Indian Baptist

Church in Little Axe, Okla. on Oct. 9, 2010.

Registration is \$20 for men and \$15 for boys (12-18 yrs).

Visit www.forministry.com/usoksobcoonamc or contact Bryce Scott at (405) 912-0044 or e-mail bscott@midwestcityok.org

Benefit Gourd Dance

TULSA — The Native American Warriors Society of Tulsa, Okla. will host a Benefit Gourd Dance honoring all vets on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010 at Tulsa Central High School, located at 3101 W. Edison.

Gourd dance will be held between 1 p.m. - 9 p.m., with a break from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., for supper.

For more information, please contact Dwayne or Yvonne Cahwee (918) 946-8024.

Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Conference

TULSA — The OICWA is seeking original artwork by Native American artists to be considered for use as the image for the 2010 Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Conference. Winning image will be used in conference promotional materials, etc.

The selected artist will receive \$500 and exhibit space during the conference.

For more information, please contact Carmen Techumseh-Williams at (918) 316-7423 or Carmin-Tecumseh@cherokee.org

OSU NASA 2010 Fall Contest Powwow

STILLWATER — Oklahoma State University will host their 2010 Fall Contest Powwow on Saturday,

Oct. 2, 2010 at Payne County Fairgrounds located 3 miles East of Perkins Road on Highway 51 (East on 6th Street of Stillwater).

Contests range from Tiny Tots to Golden Age.

Vendor space available, entry deadline is Sept. 10, 2010.

For more information, please contact Robin Williams, NASA Advisor at (405) 744 - 0401 or e-mail robin.starr.williams@okstate.edu.

Mvskoke Language CDs

OKMULGEE — The Mvskoke Language Program has a set of 9 CDs containing audio of Mvskoke words and phrases for \$15 and a single CD containing both audio and written Mvskoke words and phrases for \$5.

For more information, please call (918) 732-7724.

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Spotlight: Cultural Preservation's Tim Thompson retires after 17 years of service

Gerald Wofford

MCN Communications Manager

OKMULGEE — This past month, the workforce of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation lost a very important employee. Fortunately, it is not because of a failing health condition or members of his family that need immediate tending to, but rather he felt it was the right time to simply retire.

Tim Thompson, who has served the Cultural Preservation Department for the tribe for 17 years, finished his last day on Friday, July 30.

Tim, who is also a ceremonial leader at Hickory Ground Ceremonial Ground, could be titled a 'quintessential' Muscogee (Creek), one of the few employees that can understand and speak the Mvskoke language.

Tim was always seen helping elders and those that needed a better understanding of the Mvskoke culture and the 'ceremonial' way of life. He was brought up with this way of

The event would have a lasting impact on Tim as he would see comrades and foes perish before his eyes in the jungles of a foreign country. Tim's time in the military not only reflected how America viewed the Vietnam vet at that time, but Native Americans as well, for both were not popular and sometimes not welcomed in certain places.

Upon his return to stateside on the west coast, Tim was called an "ndn bastard" and a "baby killer" by a war protester. The protester was given a quick, and immediate hurtful response, probably wishing that he had not commented at all.

Returning home, he settled into a quieter life, leaving behind a war and beginning to serve his people again at the ceremonial ground. Tim's educational opportunities also allowed him to become an engineer and work with the U.S. Corps of Engineers.



MNN/Ruth Bible

Pictured above is former Muscogee (Creek) Nation Cultural Preservation employee Tim Thompson who served the tribe for 17 years before retiring.

“. . .with his retirement, there won't be trips like that again, to find an important Muscogee person of the past with an important Muscogee person of the present. . .”

— MCN Communications Manager Gerald Wofford

life and was called to fill the office of 'heles-hayv' or medicine man where he has served in this capacity for 18 years.

Thompson was taught under the tutelage of his uncle, Harbie Frye. "He [Harbie] wasn't really tough," said Thompson when describing how his uncle instructed him, "but he was really sensitive to how things were done, he wanted things done right because he really cared for the people."

Tim was brought up to serve, not only his tribe, but others as well. In 1965, when he answered the call to defend his country, he became a United States Marine during the turbulent decade of the 1960s and saw combat in the Vietnam War.

After sometime, he decided to serve his people in an even greater fashion. Tim went to work for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in the Cultural Preservation Department. Not forgetting his military service entirely, Tim decided to honor the tribal military veterans by becoming a member of the Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard.

Thompson helped a lot of people during his time in the Cultural Preservation Department and was always willing to make sure he explored all parts of Muscogee history, no matter where that was.

One story recalled the time Tim went looking for the grave site of renowned Creek leader Chitto Harjo.

Harjo was a prominent leader at the turn of the century of the early 1900s and was concerned that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation be well taken care of and traditions restored. Because of his passionate beliefs, Harjo was eventually considered an enemy of the federal government and was even hunted. He would have to find political asylum in what he considered was a foreign country, which was the tribal territory of the Choctaw Nation. Unfortunately, Harjo would die there without ever having an opportunity to rejoin his people.

Tim had heard of different stories of the burial places of Harjo and wanted to find out exactly where it might be (this had to be around 1996,

and this reporter can testify because I was with him when he went on the crusade to find Harjo's grave). We set out on a winter day, it wasn't snowing but it was close to March, so it seemed the bad part of winter was over but it was still cold when we left early to navigate the course to southern Oklahoma.

A lot of departments didn't have a tribal vehicle back then, so we filled up the tank and ventured out in my 4-cylinder compact Chevy Corsica to the uncharted territory of the Choctaw Nation to find a Muscogee legend. We took off without really charting our exact destination, however, the objective that day was to find Smithville and hope that the locals would

help guide us in the right direction of finding Chitto's resting place.

The drive seemed to take a long time but we kept traveling south and finally began to reach the historic Kiamichi Mountains where the small town of Smithville, Okla., is nestled. The legend was that this is the town where Chitto died on April 11, 1911 and was buried in the front yard of Daniel Bob's home, a Choctaw friend who had given shelter to Harjo as well as Charles Coker and Anderson Harris who had helped Chitto elude federal forces.

Tim had heard that a house was near there as well as a headstone that marked Chitto's grave.

SEE THOMPSON - B5

Thompson

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The environment surrounding Smithville is heavily forested and logging trucks are a common view. The community presents a small town philosophy where everyone seems to know one another, their business, and whose new in the area.

When we decided to stop at a local cafe to find out information, it seemed that we were closely watched as we asked a waitress where we might find the Daniel home and a crowd soon encircled us. We were given every kind of route as well as the “easiest way to get there is...” speech. As we took our information and headed toward the targeted area, some of the people seemed to want follow us there. Tim and I just kept going. Having to travel and climb up the Kiamichi Mountains can be tough on a small car and I knew that my vehicle was making strange sounds and the idle was even beginning to break up when we would start and stop.

We finally made it to the Daniel home and the people that lived there seemed to be very nice. Their house was very quaint and old and you definitely could tell that this family had some history here. They wanted to talk a while and asked Tim and I to sit and converse for a while, which we did for a little bit. By now, because of the long trip, it was turning into late afternoon and the winter days turn dark quickly, so we asked if they could show us Chitto Harjo's grave site.

As casual as they had been all afternoon, they simply took us outside and pointed to a part of the yard where it was. They

mentioned that people come by from time to time to want to see it, but they hadn't seen many visitors in a long while.

To actually be able to view a burial site of someone who is of historical legend to an entire tribe was monumental and all Tim and I could do was stare in silence at the slightly grass covered cement marker that bore Chitto's name and the years lived.

The ground flat rectangular tomb stone had been done by the Oklahoma Historical Society, it said so right below his years. This was Chitto's final resting place, a man who only wanted to see sovereignty for his tribe and cared enough to let the federal government know it. After a while it began to snow. We both knew that it was going to be a long trip back and that we needed to get moving. Tim brought his camera and took photos.

We thanked the people for their generosity, excused ourselves, and got back on the road. By now, the little car was barely starting and I wasn't going to turn it off as I filled up the tank in Smithville for the journey back. Climbing back up the mountains the snow did stop and the car served us well enough to get back to Okmulgee. By then, it was dark and way after a regular eight-hour work day. Maybe the trip took too much of a toll on the auto, because it was never the same and had to be replaced a few weeks later.

That trip will always be remembered because Tim had asked me to go with him, but with his retirement, there won't be trips like that again, to find an important Muscogee person of the past with an important Muscogee person of the present.

Creek boy an inspiration

Gerald Wofford

MCN Communications Manager

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Little Olympics is an event that a lot of people look forward to, it is a time for families and communities to just come together and enjoy the competition of the tribal youth as they compete in various events from the softball throw to long and short distance runs.

A lot of Creek citizens can remember taking part in the annual sporting event themselves when they were young, perhaps that is the reason why as they grow older, they decide to coach a team from their community or assist in any way possible to make sure the Little Olympics, which is part of the Creek Nation Festival, is a good time for the kids.

For Joe Martel and his son Joe Martel II, it might mean just a little more.

Martel and his son are from the Okmulgee Indian Community and have been making sure that the younger Joe, whose family calls ‘Two’, is ready to compete at Harmon Stadium which is the host place of the Little Olympics each year.

What makes Joe and his son's story different from all the other Creek and Indian kids competing this weekend is that the younger Martel will have to prepare himself differently than the other children. Yes, he will stretch himself out and get mentally prepared, but Two will have to get ready for the competition a little differently. The young Martel wears prosthetics below his knees, and is the only child competing in the events that day that will.

This isn't a story of a young man beating the odds as much as it is of a person just wanting to live day-to-day and be able to do what he wants to do just like anyone else. Two loves to be involved with sports and this isn't the only time that he participates.

His father proudly explains that he plays other sports just as well. “Everyday I look forward to events like this,” says Father Joe when describing his son's desire to play, “His heart and will that he has



Mekko Photography/Josh Clough

Pictured above is Joe Martel, II or “Two” as he is known by his family. Despite his handicap, Two represents the Okmulgee Community and competes in the Little Olympics each year as part of the festival events.

to compete in certain sports, like football and baseball is just unbelievable!”

It does take Two a little longer to get ready than some of the other kids, but his father and brother, Meku Sapv (pronounced Mecco Sapa), are always there to help. Two has to lie down and have his prosthetics adjusted so he can properly do his best. When he stands back up, his father asks him if its “okay?” It's not and he lies back down to have everything adjusted correctly.

Two will try his hardest today, just like all the other kids who love to get out and give it their best. Although he won't

place in any event that he competes in today, the young Martel has already inspired everyone around him.

“Not only is he an inspiration to the other kids, but he is an inspiration to me,” says Joe, “when I see the things that he does, there is no reason I have to complain about anything., and I'm just happy to see him and the desire that he has to do other things and not let his limitations stop him from doing anything.”

Fall is on its way and football will be on Two's mind, as well as just enjoying life like any kid should.

OBITUARIES

ESTER 'ESTA' BILLY

ARDMORE — Esther 'Esta' Billy of Holdenville passed away at Mercy Memorial Health Center in Ardmore, Okla., on Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, at the age of 49 years.

Esta was the daughter of Joseph Harjo and Gladys (Jackson) Harjo, born on April 14, 1961, in Oklahoma City. She was brought up in the Hanna/Vernon area, and attended school at Hanna. She spent most of her life there before moving to Holdenville, her home for the past twelve years. She was married to Zerndorf 'Zernie' Billy on April 16, 1981, at Eufaula, Okla. She was a member of the Peach Grand Ceremonial Ground southwest of Hanna, and she enjoyed making women's ceremonial shells for the stompground.

Esta is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Gladys Harjo; her grandparents, Samuel and Alice Jackson; her great-grandparents, Che-cote' and Allie Harjo, and Lena Homate' Jackson; one brother, Thomas James Harjo, and three sisters: Josephine Harjo, Rhonda Kay Harjo and Lillian Tiger.

She is survived by her husband, Zernie, of the home; six children: Zerndorf 'Corndogg' Billy, Jr., Sheena Billy, Kesha Piza, Victor Billy, Joseph Billy, and Nevaeh Billy; ten grandchildren: Alijah, Geronimo, Leah-lah, Bubba, Jordan, Athena, Aiyana, Amiya, Mike, and Virginia; five brothers: William Harjo, Eugene Harjo, Samuel Harjo, Phillip Harjo, and Nathaniel Harjo; one sister, Louise Harjo; adopted brother, Sam 'Spock' Proctor, Jr.; numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Services were held at Faith Baptist Church in Dustin, Okla. Esta was laid to rest in the Jackson Family Cemetery at Vernon, Okla.

Officiating ministers were Revs. Nathaniel Harjo and Richard Fixico. Pallbearers were Robert Soloman, Billy Ray Harley, J. D. Harley, Billy Hill,

Bodee Hicks, Evarett Jackson, Bruce Harjo, and Sam Proctor, Jr. Honorary pallbearers were Mike Piza, Humberto Piza, Geronimo Billy, Aaron Harjo, Stormy Harjo, Cyrus Harjo, Sonny Boy Harjo and Katev Larney.

Services were under direction of Fisher Funeral Home of Holdenville. www.fisherfh.net

NEWMAN BUNNY



BRISTOW — Newman Bunny was born March 1, 1925 in Dustin, Oklahoma to George and Sally (Benson) Bunny. He departed this life Monday, June 7, 2010 at his Bristow residence at the age of 85 years, three months, and six days.

Newman attended Euchee Mission Boarding School and later Haskell and Okmulgee Tech. He enlisted in the United States Navy during WWII. He had been a resident of Bristow over 50 years.

On January 31, 1955 Newman Bunny and Frances Lunsford were united in marriage.

He was a member of New Joy Mission Church. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and spending time outdoors. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Louise Bunny of the Bristow home; four children, Calvin Marsey and wife Theresa of Sand Springs, Okla., Shirley Bunny of Tulsa, Anita Cox of Tulsa and Maxine Ishmael of Inola; and one sister, Lorene Baker of Stillwater.

Wake service was held Friday, June 11, 2010 at Hutchins-Maples Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Thewarle Baptist Church in Dustin, Okla., with Rev. Jim Alexander officiating. Interment followed at the Fife Family Cemetery.

RUBEN GEORGE



NAMPA, Idaho — Ruben D. George, 72, of Nampa, died Saturday, July 17, 2010, amongst family and friends. He was born March 2, 1938, in Claremore, Okla., to Rufus George and Addie (Rolland) George.

He is survived by his loving wife, Betty (Humpheys) George of Nampa; three children, Marilyn Kay Dalton of Boise, Stephen Rufus George of Mesa, Ariz., and Addie Faye George of Nampa; five grandchildren, Amber Monarco, Curtis Osterhoudt, Amanda Thiel, Stephen Dalton and Mikey Thiel; three great-grandchildren, Miranda Monarco, Geoffery Monarco and Gage Osterhoudt; adopted grandchildren, Danielle Peterson and Jedediah (JJ) Roy; four brothers, Melvin George, Willie George, Johnny George and Ronald George, all of Sapulpa, Okla.; two sisters, Alma Jean Gibson and Valerie Harjo George; and numerous nephews and nieces.

A viewing was held on Tuesday, July 20, with a vigil service at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen

Chapel. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at the Christian Faith Center in Nampa with a burial service in the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise.

WESLEY SAWYER



SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Wesley A. Sawyer age 85, of Sacramento, Calif., passed away on July 22, 2010 due to complications of pneumonia.

He was born September 29, 1924 in Broken Arrow, Okla., to Almon and Beatrice. He was the brother of Dorathy Butler. Wes is survived by his wife, Geraldine; five children, Monette, Beverly, Tawanna, Wes, Jr., and Gwendolyn; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

At his request, there were no services held. Please sign the online registry and share memories at www.cherokeememorial.com

PRINCE TARYOLE



CHUBBUCK — Prince "Steven" Taryole, 54 passed away Tuesday Aug. 10, 2010 due to complications of diabetes at Portneuf Medical Center

Steve was born Dec. 8, 1955 in Lawton, Okla. He grew up in Oklahoma, California and Utah.

He graduated in 1974 from Henryetta High School in Henryetta, Okla. He then attended the University of Oklahoma. Steve then attended the University of Utah where he received his Bachelor and Master Degrees in Social Work.

Steve met the love of his life, Diane, 34 years ago. They were married on December 8, 1977 in Richfield, UT. They were happily married for 32 years, having been blessed with three sons and a daughter.

He is survived by his loving wife Diane, his three sons Steve W. and his wife Kati, Josh, Louie, and his daughter Maddie. Other survivors include his sister Norma, brother Wayne and his wife Toni, sister Joann and her husband Bill as well as nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father Marchie, mother Betsy and three older brothers Winford, Sanford and Junior, nephew Christian, and two nieces Tonya and Tracy.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.wilksfuneral-home.com.

THANK YOU

OKEMAH — The family of Annette Waldon would like to thank everyone who helped or supported us during our time of sorrow with the loss of our loved one.

We also offer our heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Jay Downing, our church family at Montesoma Indian Baptist, the Muscogee (Creek) and Chickasaw Nations and Parks Funeral Home in Okemah.

We were most grateful for all condolences from friends and family, and each of you will all be remembered in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

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BIRTHDAYS

TESS FORMBY



BROKEN ARROW — Tess Formby celebrated her first birthday on July 23. She is the daughter of Ty and Alayna Formby of Broken Arrow.

She is the grand daughter of Mark and Teresa Betche and Mark and Debbie Formby. Her great grand parents are Roy and Nedra Brown, Ben and Wanda McCune, Sherry and the late Clyde Betche and Mary and the late Buddy Formby.

KYRA JENNINGS

OKMULGEE — Kyra Isabel Jennings celebrated her first birthday with a princess theme party. Jennings is the daughter of Kirby and Martha Jennings and one brother, Isaac.

Maternal Grandparents are Rutino and the late Petra Basquez. Paternal grandparents are Teresa and Bobby Jennings of Okmulgee. She is the great grand-daughter of the late Pearline Day and the late Henry and Elizabeth Tarpalechee. She is of the Bird Clan.



ARIANNA OSBORNE



OKEMAH — Arianna Maelyn Osborne celebrated her sixth birthday with a WWE John Cena party on May 26.

She is the daughter of Gary and Shelley Osborne of Okemah.

Maternal grandparents are Simmer and Sharon Hicks of Okemah. Paternal grandparents are the late Jerry and Marilyn Stanfill of Paris Arkansas.

Osborne is of the Wind Clan and Okfuskee Ceremonial Ground.

BIRTHS

BEVENUE BABY

OKMULGEE — Andrew and Carol Bevenue welcomed the birth of their daughter on April 1, 2010. She was born at Southcrest Hospital and weighed 8 lbs., and 15 oz. She was 21 inches long.

Maternal and Paternal grandparents are Yvonne Bevenue and Mike Bell and George and Tammy Johnson. She is the great grand daughter of Jack and Gayle Bevenue and the late Sam and Joanne Factor.



SIMMER OSBORNE



OKEMAH — Simmer Baylee-Paige Osborne was born on June 11, 2010 at Hillcrest Hospital. She weighted 5 lbs., 10 oz., and measured 19 inches.

Simmer was welcomed home by her big sister Arianna and parents Gary and Shelley Osborne.

Maternal grandparents are Simmer and Sharon Hicks of Okemah. Paternal grandparents are the late Jerry and Marilyn Stanfill of Paris Arkansas.

Osborne is of the Wind Clan.

Birthdays, Births & Special Announcements!

Birthday:

Roll Number: _____
Phone Number: (____) _____
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Date of Birth: _____
Theme of the party: _____
Parents: _____
Siblings: _____
Maternal and Paternal grandparents: _____
Maternal and Paternal great grandparents: _____
School: _____
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Diabetes Awareness Summit • 'Passing down our traditions of healthy living'



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Volunteers from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health helped attendees complete participant health surveys during the 2010 Citizens' Diabetes Awareness Summit held in Okmulgee, Okla.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — A morning walk, tai chi, kick boxing, yoga and health screenings were some of the activity "break-out" sessions available to attendees of the fourth annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Diabetes Summit held Aug. 17, 2010.

The conference was held at the Okmulgee First Baptist Church, with

the yoga program across the street at the Assembly of God Church.

Summit Planning Committee Co-Chairs Shirlene Ade and MCN Diabetes Program Coordinator Johnnie Brausell, along with 17 committee members decided the theme, "Passing down our traditions of healthy living," activities and agenda for the all-day event.

The program began with registration at 7 a.m., followed by a choice of either a walk or yoga class. Throughout the day, after opening ceremonies with Summit Moderator Terrie Anderson, a full agenda kept attendees on-their-toes learning different methods of a healthy lifestyle.

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Tribal members urged to obtain citizenship early

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — With the recent sudden deaths of Mvskoke children in the news, MCN Principal Chief A.D. Ellis is stressing the importance of enrolling infants and children into the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Since two of the four children in the recent Weleetka fire were not enrolled citizens, Ellis waived the enrollment requirement and

burial benefits were provided for the Creek children. However, BIA requirements cannot be waived as they have federal guidelines.

"For the last few years we have tried to stress the importance of enrolling children as soon as possible after six months of age," said Ellis. "We do have the authority to waive, but it's something we don't have a policy to do."

SEE CITIZENSHIP - B2

Council House celebration set for Nov. 20, 2010

Gerald Wofford
MCN Communications Manager

OKMULGEE — The possession of the Creek Council House is a long and controversial one. Since 1919, the city of Okmulgee has owned the historic building amidst years of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the builders and first owners, always wanting to reacquire it.

With the city being the legal guardians throughout the years, the building has been used for different purposes; from a YMCA at one time, to eventually becoming a

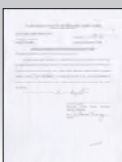
renowned and beautiful museum that housed some of the most important Native American artists of our time. It is now time for another page to turn in the history of the Creek Council House.

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010 will mark the celebration for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as the tribe regains legal possession of the building that once housed tribal meetings more than a hundred years ago.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)

NOVENA DUNSON,
DOB: 12/22/1938)

Case No. CV 2010-1854 A & B

Judge of the District Court

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: Whom it may concern

Novena Dunson, born December 22, 1938 has filed a *Petition* in the above Court to have her name changed from Novena Dunson to Novena Yahola and the same will be heard in the courtroom of Judge of the District Court, located in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, on the 5th day of October, 2010 at 2:00 o'clock P.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any person may file a written protest in this case prior to the date set for the hearing.

Given under my hand a seal this 4 day of August, 2010

COURT CLERK
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee
District, Oklahoma

By Jobie King
Deputy

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the Name Change of:)

Justin Michael Hill Francis,)

Case Number CV 2010-120
Judge Patrick E. Moore

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION TO: Whom it may concern

Justin Michael Hill Francis, born January 22, 1991, has filed a *Petition* in the above Court to have his name changed from Justin Michael Hill Francis to Justin Michael Hill and the same will be heard in the courtroom of Judge Patrick E. Moore, located in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee County, Hwy 75 and Loop 56, on the 2nd day of Sept, 2010 at 10 o'clock A.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any person may file a written protest in this case prior to the date set for the hearing.

Given under my hand a seal this 30th day of July, 2010.

COURT CLERK
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee
District, Oklahoma

By Sharon McLenethan
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:)

C.A.C.)

A minor child.)

Case No. AD 2010-15

Before Judge Moore
Judge of the District Court

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR ORDER DETERMINING CHILDREN TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT OF NATURAL MOTHER AND NATURAL FATHER

TO: Cynthia Lyn Salmon and Felix Caballero

On this 29th day of July, 2010 an Application was filed in this Court for a determination that C.A.C., a minor child born out of wedlock in Edinburg, Texas, on February 18, 2005, to Cynthia Lyn Salmon and Felix Caballero, be declared eligible for adoption without the consent of the Natural Mother and Natural Father, so that the adoption of said child may occur. Said Application is set for hearing on the 23rd day of Sept, 2010 at the hour of 10 o'clock A.m in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District Courtroom, located in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound Building, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, before the Honorable Judge Patrick E. Moore.

Petitioners have alleged in the Petition that you are the biological mother and father, as identified by the child's birth certificate. Petitioners allege that your consent to this adoption should be deemed unnecessary and your parental rights terminated because you failed to pay child support for the child in accordance with your ability during the preceding year and that you failed to establish and/or maintain a significant relationship with the child for a period of six (6) consecutive months out of the last fourteen (14) months immediately preceding the filing of the Petition for Adoption.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN ABOVE, WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE, AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT.

YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT SAID HEARING SHALL COMMUNICATE YOUR DECISION NOT TO OPPOSE THE APPLICATION TO DETERMINE THE CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT AND SHALL COMMUNICATE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILD, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU OF THIS OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING, IN THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT CONSENT AND IN THE CHILD'S ADOPTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND STATE OF OKLAHOMA. YOU ARE ALSO NOTIFIED THAT YOUR DUTY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE CHILD STILL CONTINUES AFTER YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED.

Signed and dated this 11 day of August, 2010.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

District Court filings for June 2010

The District Court filings from June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 are as follows:

Civil:		
Karen Tilley v. Sherman Micco		Petition
Randy Jack v. Kevin Kivlehen		Petition
Tara Dunson v. Eric McKee		Petition
Divorce:		
William Hale v. Laurie Hale		Divorce
Jaymie Baker v. Floyd Baker		Divorce
Roger Fields v. Judy Fields		Divorce
Clara Meely v. Joseph Meely		Divorce
Sarah Ross v. Coby Ross		Divorce
Nacole Spears v. Thomas Spears		Divorce
Jonathan Hardin v. Christina Hardin		Divorce
Gene Branson v. Jessica Branson		Divorce
Eva Holden v. Michael Holden		Divorce
Margaret Keith v. Thomas Keith		Divorce
Winona Miller v. Cecil Miller		Divorce
Mickie Johnson v. Kevin Johnson		Divorce
Jimsey Chalakee v. Donna Record		Divorce
Angela Fearnow v. Royal Fearnow		Divorce
Mary Baker v. Jamie Baker		Divorce
Family Domestic:		
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Criminal Felony:		
MCN v. Rex Johnson		Ct. 1: Cheating by Check
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		Ct. 2: Possession of Illegal Drug Paraphernalia
MCN v. Chad Cummings		Ct. 1: Possession of Illegal Drugs
		Ct. 2: Possession of Stolen Property
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MCN v. Kayelyn Williams		Ct. 1: No Insurance
MCN v. Shannon Lamont		Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Shawn Roberts		Ct. 1: Disorderly Conduct
MCN v. Mark Miles		Ct. 1: DUS
MCN v. Robert Eidson		Ct. 1: Expired Tag

MCN v. Hoy Lyon
MCN v. Christopher Mills
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District Court filings for July 2010

The District Court filings from July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010 are as follows:

Civil:		
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Dixie Finance v. Charles Carey		Small Claims
Dixie Finance v. Theresa Draper		Small Claims
Simon Spaniard v. Bobbie Harjo		Petition
Deresa Anthony		Petition
Banner Finance v. Tammy Rabbit		Small Claims
Kunawv Yahola v. Michael Wolf		Petition
Dixie Finance v. Jamie Holata		Small Claims
Dixie Finance v. Brandee Beaver		Small Claims
Dixie Finance v. Aaron Wilson		Small Claims
Vanessa Aunko		Petition
Melissa Cooper v. Sam Beaver III		Petition
Stacy-Lyn Properties et al v. Arlene Davis		Foreign Judgment



Letter from MNN Editor:

Estonko readers!

I hope there are a few of you in Indian Country who had the opportunity to attend the fourth annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizen's Diabetes Summit last month. It was great to see our health representatives in a setting outside of the clinics and get the chance to talk to them about the importance of preventing diabetes and improving health for our Mvskoke people.

The summit stressed making small changes in lifestyle that will hopefully extend your life, too. Everyone can take something good from that.

Anyone who knows me, knows I love food, so of course the booth that initially caught my eye had two fake colas and a candy bar on display. According to the literature, by consuming the amount of calories in these particular sugary snacks each day, a person can gain up to five pounds in a month!

To give participants an idea of exactly what five pounds of fat looks like, a yellow, jiggly blob the size of a small dog (there's no better description I could give) was also placed on display. If that doesn't motivate you to cut out that 44-ounce (albeit very economically priced, I'm sure) soda every day, I don't know what will.

Some food for thought.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at RLandsberry@muscogeenation-nsn.gov



Veterans' Scoop

Staff

Veterans Affairs Service Office

The Veterans' Scoop will feature articles and updates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and other credible sources.

Stop Loss claims to be filed before Oct. 21, 2010

WASHINGTON, D.C., — The Army owes about 120,000 veterans extra pay and VA is reaching out to find them. The Army is seeking soldiers, Veterans, and survivors of soldiers whose service was involuntarily extended under Stop Loss Authority between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2008. The 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Act stipulates they are eligible for special pay those eligible will receive \$500 for each month or partial month served in stop loss status. To receive this benefit, those who served under Stop Loss must submit a claim by Oct. 21, 2010. Stop Loss Veterans can submit their on line at <https://www.stoplosspay.army.mil>.

The Army encourages all candidates to visit its Web site to check eligibility and submit claims. The Army's Web site will also answer frequently asked questions about the claim process and has a link to the program's official Facebook page.

Applicants who have questions not covered by the Web site can e-mail RetroStopLossPay@conus.army.mil or call 877-736-5554. Veterans can also link to the eligibility and claims information on the VA Vet Center home page at <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/index.asp>; click on RSLP at the bottom of the left side column.



VA Approves \$2.8M for Gulf War Illness Research

WASHINGTON, D.C., — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has approved \$2.8 million to fund three new research projects that focus on testing or developing new treatments for illnesses affecting Veterans who served in the Gulf War 1990-1991. The research incorporates recommendations of the department's Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses Task Force.

"Reaching out to Gulf War Veterans is essential to the transformation of VA," said Veterans Affairs Chief of Staff John R. Gingrich. "This research is a great opportunity to do something that will improve the care and services these Veterans have earned."

About 697,000 men and women served in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from August 1990 to June 1991 during the Gulf War. In the years since they returned, nearly a quarter of these Veterans have experienced chronic symptoms such as fatigue, weakness, gastrointestinal problems, cognitive dysfunction, sleep disturbances, persistent headaches, skin rashes, respiratory conditions and mood changes. The symptoms are known collectively as "Gulf War Veterans' illnesses."

A recent report by the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Gulf War and Health, "Health Effects of Serving in the Gulf War," noted that chronic multi-symptom illnesses affect an estimated 250,000 Gulf War Veterans. Given the findings, VA is embarking on a national Gulf War Veterans' illness research program to identify and adopt the most effective treatments for Veterans.

The first \$700,000 will be available Oct. 1, 2010,

Creek health care champion recognized

• Floyd receives Meritorious Presidential Rank Award

Media Release

Carol Floyd

KANSAS CITY, Mo., — James R. Floyd received the 2009 Meritorious Presidential Rank Award during a ceremony July 29, 2010 in Washington, D.C. Floyd is one of only three VA Network Directors to receive this award and be honored by President Obama as a top civil servant in the federal government.

The honor is the latest milestone in Floyd's 24-year career with the federal government. He joined the Indian Health Service in 1986 becoming the Area Director in Portland, serving 42 tribes in the states of Wash., Ore., and Idaho.

He was appointed Director of VA Medical Center in Salt Lake City, UT, in 1997 and served on various national task forces including minority and rural veteran outreach. During his tenure at Salt Lake City, the medical center received the top national quality and efficiency rankings in the Veterans Health Administration and the country. In 1997, he received the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for providing outstanding leadership in Indian Health Service programs and initiatives.

In 2002, he received the VA Secretary's Medal for Meritorious Service for exceptional performance in coordinating federal agencies medical and security support for the 2002 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. Floyd was named the 2004 Under Secretary for Health's Diversity Award winner for his work in establishing innovative outreach and treatment programs to Native American veterans.

In 2008, Floyd received the Association of U.S. Surgeons Ray E. Brown Award. He also served on the Utah Hospital Association Board of Directors for 10 years.

Prior to his appointment as Network Director of the Heartland VA Healthcare VISN 15 in 2009, Floyd



USDSVA/Courtesy

James Floyd (middle) received the award from Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary Department of Veterans Affairs (left) with Robert Holden, Executive Director National Congress of American Indians (right) who attended to ceremony to show support for James.

served as the Acting Network Director in Denver.

As Network Director in Kansas City, he oversees the operations, finances and clinical programs of a health care system that serves more than 311,000 veterans in Kansas and Mo., as well as portions of Ill., Ky., and Ark. The system consists of seven medical centers on nine campuses and 47 community-based outpatient clinics, with more than 9,400 employees.

Meritorious Presidential Rank Award winners are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by boards of private citizens and approved by the President. The award program recognizes a record of achievement that is acknowledged throughout the recipient's agency or on a national or international level. Recipients also demonstrate strong leadership skills, inspire their employees and earn the respect of those they serve.

Floyd was honored for being an innovative leader who achieves outstanding results and consistently demonstrates strength, integrity, in-

dustry and a relentless commitment to excellence in health care for veterans. Floyd is happy to point out that, "This award represents the efforts of the many dedicated employees with whom I have worked."

Floyd's healthcare career began with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma in 1978 where he became the Director of Community Services. In that capacity, he helped design and establish the first Tribal owned and operated healthcare system in the U.S.

Floyd is Creek and Cherokee and an enrolled full citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. He is board certified by the American College of Healthcare Executives, holds a Bachelor's Degree from Northeastern State, a Master's Degree in Public Administration/Health Administration and a Postgraduate Certificate in Managed Care Administration.

James and his wife, Carol, reside in Kansas City, M.O. He is the son of Margaret Floyd of Eufaula and the late Joe Floyd, a member of the Tal-lahassee Tribal Town.

Bristow set to elect officers Oct. 23

• Community officer sign-ups set for Sept. 21

Media Release
MCN Office of Community Research and Development

BRISTOW — The Bristow Indian Community will be having sign-ups for the election of community officers Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010.

Those wishing to run for the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer may sign up from noon to 9 p.m., at the Bristow Indian Community Center located at

701 S. Main. The election will be held Saturday, Oct. 23, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., at the community center.

New member applications are now being accepted and are available at the smoke shop located at 121 W. Lincoln. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation will continue to oversee and conduct all Bristow business and meet-

ings until Proclamation is lifted. The following Bristow Indian Community members are also requested to update their mailing addresses with the MCN Community Research & Development Department (CR&D).

The department wishes to provide all BIC members with information and workshop materials. Address

updates may be submitted to the CR&D Department by calling (918) 732-7972, fax to (918) 732-7971, or mail to CR&D, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

For more information, please contact MCN Community Research and Development at (918) 732 - 7962.

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Barnett, Roger
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Jefferson, Patricia Ann
Kaniatobe, Richard K
Kissee, Christine (Grayson)
Knight, Charles
Lecuyer, Lawrence James
Ledbetter, Suzanne (Underwood-Fulton)
Lewis, Rodney Jerod
Little, Tommy Johnson Jr.
Logan, Dyanna Lee (Dotson)
Long, Gloria Ann
Martin, Clyde
Mason, Precious Si Mary (Brook)
McCullough, Conie Fay (Alsup)
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McNeil, Skye DeAnn (Varner)
Murphy, Daniel W
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Nunley, Jermiah Lynn
Osburn, Jamie
Pearson, Stephani
Peck, Rebecca (McDowell)
Peeper, Matthew Wesley
Phillips, Helen
Proctor, Johnson
Ralston, Amanda
Ramsey, Karen Sue (Cooper)
Redcherries, Luther Ray
Riley, Jerry G.
Robertson, Allison Brooke
Robertson, Amanda Nichole

Rose Allison
Rubio, Diana Lynn (Mayberry)
Sanders, Heather
Scott, Aaron Phillip
Scott, Myra D. (Worchester)
Scott, Sarah Alice
Shaffer, Elsie
Simmers, Anna Elizabeth
Smith, Linda Faye
Stone, Gertrude Mae
Taryole, Norman
Thompson, Vivian (Thorton)
Thornton, Amanda L.
Thurman, Lee Ellen (Hill)
Titus, Adam
Titus, Amos Henry (Hank)
Vandecar, Dana L.
Vandecar, Ryan
Vanderslice, Daniel Lawrence
Vanderslice, Timothy, Drew
Vasquez, Jennifer Lynn
Wacoche, Mayo
Wahnee, Steven Michael
Watson, Tommy J.
Wells, Tiffany A. (Anderson)
Wesley, Carl Jr.
Wesley, Mark David
West, Carl Jr.
West, Loleta Mae
White, Jennifer Renee
White, Travis Jared
Wickham, Jennifer Louise
Wiley, Angela Dawn

House

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Details about the event are still in the works and will be released as soon as they become available.

The Creek Council House was constructed by hands of the Muscogee (Creek) people in 1878 and dedicated as the Capitol Building to serve as the center of tribal government at that time.

In 1906, the Muscogee (Creek) government lost all rights to ownership of the building, including furnishings, by the federal government and made the structure available for purchase by municipalities, towns and private parties in disregard to the desires of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Later in 1919, the city of Okmulgee purchased the building and the grounds.

In March, when the Muscogee (Creek) National Council passed legislation for Principal Chief A.D. Ellis to negotiate with the city for the purchase of the Council House, Ellis stated how important the ownership of the building was to the tribe.

“As Mvskolke, we feel that the Creek Council House is not just a historical site but is also our home since the forceful removal of our people from our homelands in the east. To gain ownership once again would mean so much to our people; it would mean having our ancestors back. The Creek Council House is to Creek people as the ‘White House’ is to the President.”

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MCN Division of Health advises citizens to practice safe food handling

Media Release

MCN Division of Health

OKMULGEE — With all of the recent publicity about the recall of contaminated eggs, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health felt it might be helpful to address this issue as it currently applies to Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens.

The eggs in question have been infected with a bacteria called Salmonella which can cause illness in people who have eaten contaminated eggs. There have been 500 million eggs recalled in 22 states, including Okla., to date.

What can I do to reduce my risk of getting Salmonella from eggs?

Eggs, like meat, poultry, milk, and other foods, are safe when handled properly. Shell eggs are safest when stored in the refrigerator, individually and thoroughly cooked, and promptly consumed. The larger the number of Salmonella present in the egg, the more likely it is to cause illness. Keeping eggs adequately refrigerated prevents any Salmonella present in the eggs from growing to higher numbers, so eggs should be kept refrigerated until they are used.

Cooking reduces the number of bacteria present in an egg; however, an egg with a runny yolk still poses a greater risk than a completely cooked egg. Under cooked egg whites and yolks have been associated with outbreaks of Salmonella Enteritidis infections. Both should be consumed promptly and not be kept warm or at room temperature for more than two hours.

What are the specific actions I can take to reduce my risk of a Salmonella infection?

1. Keep eggs refrigerated
2. Discard cracked eggs.
3. Wash hands, cooking utensils, and food preparation surfaces with soap and water after contact with raw eggs.
4. Eggs should be cooked until

both the white and the yolk are firm and eaten promptly after cooking.

5. Do not keep eggs warm or at room temperature for more than 2 hours.

6. Refrigerate unused or leftover egg-containing foods promptly.

7. Avoid eating raw eggs.

8. Avoid restaurant dishes made with raw or under cooked, unpasteurized eggs. Restaurants should use pasteurized eggs in any recipe (such as Hollandaise sauce or Caesar salad dressing) that calls for raw eggs.

9. Consumption of raw or under cooked eggs should be avoided, especially by young children, elderly persons, and persons with weakened immune systems or debilitating illness.

How do I know if I have Salmonella?

A person infected with the Salmonella Enteritidis bacterium usually has fever, abdominal cramps, and diarrhea beginning 12 to 72 hours after consuming a contaminated food or beverage. The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days, and most persons recover without antibiotic treatment. However, the diarrhea can be severe, and the person may be ill enough to require hospitalization.

How do I determine what eggs are affected by the recall?

Dates and codes can be found stamped on the packaging. The plant number begins with the letter "P", followed by the Julian date. It is important to note that both the plant number and Julian date must match. If the Julian date does not match the affected plant number, then your eggs are not currently involved in the recall.

Please do not hesitate to call your local Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health Clinic for more information.

Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative digs in

• Representatives learn importance of sustainability

Melodie Reader

MNN Reporter

TESUQUE PUEBLO, N.M., — Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative representatives Cassandra Thompson and Ben Yahola attended the Indigenous Sustainable Communities Design Course and Sostenga! Conference based in Tesuque Pueblo, N.M., July 18 – 30, 2010.

The 13-day course was designed to train participants in natural farming, ecological design and giving back to Mother Earth.

While this course was designed with the Pueblo and partnerships, which sponsored it in mind, it promoted permaculture methodology and the maintenance of biologically productive ecosystems for all communities.

"The Traditional Native American Farmers Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1992, whose mission is to revitalize traditional Native American agriculture for spiritual and human needs, according to the Green Fire Times," said Thompson. "And that's really what we're trying to do here; to bring people back to the land."

"This is the fifteenth year for the TNAFA program. It's called the Indigenous Sustainable Design Course and it's all about permaculture," Thompson stated.

Permaculture, a term first used in 1978 pertaining to "permanent agriculture," is defined as, 'an agricultural system or method that seeks to integrate human activity with natural surroundings so as to create highly efficient self-sustaining ecosystems,' according to Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

"It was almost like a little community with the number of people who participated in the program and stayed on the farm with us," said Thompson.

They traveled to family farms and helped with hands-on activities, such as weeding berry plants, gardening practices, traditional cooking and canning, building bread ovens, baking buwa yaweh and piki bread and learning from the farmers how their farms operated.



MFSI/Courtesy

Cassandra Thompson gets her hands dirty while helping to create a bread oven made of clay and straw as part of her participation in the Sustainable Communities Design Course.

"We traveled to different areas of New Mexico to learn different types of permaculture practices," said Thompson. "We learned about solar houses, flowering tree permaculture, adobe houses, seed banks, preparing grasshoppers for consumption, how to make cheese, and how to build a bread oven."

Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative hopes to bring the lessons learned back to the community. They anticipate hosting permaculture classes in the near future.

"The reason we went, was to learn how they do things and to try to bring something like that back here to Oklahoma," said Thompson. "I don't know if it will be a design course or if it will be an overview of how to live off the land. Ben and I will get together and figure out what we will do soon."

Of the many classes and activities, Thompson enjoyed the Sostenga! Women's Panel session and the discussions that ensued.

"Just watching the women and learning from each of them on how they are able to provide for their family and their communities, by what they do

is amazing. They live off the land and nothing is wasted, everything is used," Thompson said.

Thompson will also be a delegate at the Terre Madre event in Torino, Italy, October 21 – 25, 2010. The conference is an international network of food producers, cooks, educators, activist and students from 150 countries who are united by the common goal of global food sustainability.

"I'm excited about what I will learn and bring back home to teach others," says Thompson. "It will be a great learning experience and I'm so glad that I was chosen through their application process to be a delegate."

Thompson is raising funds for her travel expenses with the help of family and friends. Upcoming fund raisers include raffles for OU football home game tickets and 25 pounds of free-range pork.

For more information on MFSI classes and activities or to help sponsor her trip, please contact Cassandra Thompson at (918) 756-5915, (918) 759-0883 or e-mail cthompson@mvskeke-food.org

LIHEAP assistance available through Sept. 30

Media Release
MCN Social Services

OKMULGEE — LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is available for low-income Native families residing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation service boundaries.

New participants may now apply through Sept. 30, 2010, or until funds are exhausted.

To apply for services, please choose one of the following options:

Applicants may choose to apply:

1) IN PERSON - No appointment is necessary and clients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Office hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. We are located at 2971 N. Wood Drive, just north of Hous-

ing.
2) BY MAIL – Please mail all documents to: MCN Social Services, Attn: LIHEAP, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Please do not mail your cards or original documents.

3) BY FAX – Please fax all documents to 918-759-9988 and include a cover sheet addressed to LIHEAP.

4) IN YOUR COMMUNITY – Please contact our office to find out when we will be visiting your

community.

Those who wish to apply should provide:

1) Tribal enrollment cards and Social Security cards for everyone in the household

2) Driver's License for those without a tribal enrollment card

3) Electric bill

4) Copies of all income sources

5) Phone number (in case we need to contact you)

6) Authorization for Social Services to sign the application (if mailing or faxing)

7) Non-Duplication statement: Statement detailing any assistance received in the past 12 months from any federal, state, tribe, community, and/or church agency or the like with utilities and/or deposits.

8) Additional documentation may be required based on your individual situation.

Applicants should keep paying their bill until they receive an approval letter. Please allow at least 45 days for processing.

Please contact Social Services at (918) 759-2334 if you need additional information. The toll-free number is 1-800-482-1979 ext. 7995.

Additional services now available at Wetumka

Media Release
MCN Child Support Enforcement

WETUMKA — Beginning Sept. 16, 2010, and every first and third Thursday thereafter, the MCN Office of Child Support Enforcement will be available at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation satellite offices located at 333 S. Washita, in Wetumka, Okla.

Representatives will be available from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., to assist citizens with issues pertaining to child support enforcement. If any further information is needed please contact the Office of Child Support Enforcement at (918) 295-0800.

Stevens visits MCN complex



MNN/Melodie Reader

National Indian Gaming Commission Chairwoman Tracie L. Stevens visited Principal Chief A.D. Ellis and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation complex June 29, 2010. Stevens, a member of the Tulalip Tribes of Washington, is the first Native American woman to chair the Commission.

Social Services Field Schedule

Field Site	Location	Date
Bristow	Community Center 9:00 am – 10:30 am	2 nd Thursday of month
Checotah	Community Center 9:00 am – 10:30 am	3 rd Thursday of month
Eufaula	Community Center 9:30 am – 11:30 am	3 rd Tuesday of month
Holdenville	Community Center 9:00 am – 11:00 am	4 th Thursday of month
Koweta	Community Center 8:30 am – 11:00 am	2 nd Tuesday of month
Okemah	Nutrition Center 9:00 am – 10:00 am	2 nd Wednesday of month
Sapulpa	Community Center 9:00 am – 11:00 pm	3 rd Wednesday of month
Weleetka	Community Center 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	2 nd Wednesday of month
Wetumka	Creek Nation offices (old hospital) 8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Mondays, beginning July 12

FEATURES

SECTION B

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JOBS funds tutor program

• CSB receives \$25,000 grant to be used for CMN students



MNN/Melodie Reader

Pictured above are (from left): Dr. Jennifer McAlpin - The College of the Muscogee Nation Research Specialist, John Robertson - City of Okmulgee Economic Development Director, Robert Bible - President of The College of the Muscogee Nation, John Fidler, EVP Citizens Security Bank, Dr. James King - Regents Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Angela Bunner - Dean of Academic Affairs.

Media Release CMN and CSB

OKMULGEE — Citizens Security Bank has been awarded a \$25,000 economic development grant to help develop a tutoring program focusing on providing job opportunities through the College of the Muscogee Nation. FHLBank, a wholesale financial institution of which Citizens Security Bank is a member, awarded the grant through its Joint Opportunities for Building Success (JOBS) program. JOBS helps financial institutions throughout Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma promote jobs and economic growth in

their communities.

This grant potential was introduced through a presentation by the Cross Timbers Resource Conservation & Development serving ten counties in the central Oklahoma region. Okmulgee Area Development Corporation recognized the opportunity this grant offered, introducing and assisting the College of the Muscogee Nation to this opportunity and in the application process.

The College of the Muscogee Nation will utilize the funding for a new

tutoring program which is expected to serve at least 20 percent of the 550 students enrolled in the Fall 2010 semester. Tutoring will cover writing resources, effective study habits and student-to-employment services. The JOBS grant will help pay salaries for 16 tutors as well as purchase program equipment such as software and laptops. The goal of the program is to increase graduation rates and future employment opportunities for students, thereby strengthening the community as a whole.

Executive Order terminates Attorney General Wiley

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — Principal Chief A.D. Ellis issued Executive Order 10-17 on Wednesday, Aug. 25, which terminated Muscogee (Creek) Nation Attorney General Roger Wiley.

According to the order, Wiley “...engaged in gross insubordination and dereliction of duty in the prosecution of criminal and civil matters and the and further duties required by Title 16 MCN

Code Section 3-106 to detriment of the nation.”

The order also states that Wiley has no approved tribally or federally executed contract, which is also required by Muscogee (Creek) law.

In the same order, Ellis appointed Marcy Moore to the position of Acting Attorney General.

For more information, please contact the MCN Office of the Attorney General at (918) 295-9720.

MFSI opens doors to new location Sept. 24, 2010

Media Release
Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative

OKMULGEE — After careful consideration of the current office space and the amount of Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative (MFSI) staff, MFSI has moved to a new location in downtown Okmulgee at 100 East 7th Suite 101.

The new location is at the Kress building that is also the home of Okmulgee's KOKL Radio Station and Melissa Dunlap's Attorney Office. With the expansion of our new office, we hope to expand some of our services in the near

future by doing new and different projects to better serve our Mvskoke people and neighbors.

MFSI invites everyone to the MFSI Grand Opening on Sept. 24, 2010. Visitors may stop by anytime between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

We would like everyone to come and visit our Resource Center and Gift Shop that is open during normal office hours. If you have any questions about the Grand Opening, contact the office at (918) 756-5915.



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Mvskoke Country: Otvoskuce, “Little Chestnut-Gathering”



B4 SPOTLIGHT

Coser, Jr., completes Udall Fellowship in D.C.



B5 SPOTLIGHT

Allred in the running for ‘Hardest Working Man’



B6 PEOPLE

Obituary: Willie Harjo



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Birthday: Haley Waquie



Citizenship

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Enrolled citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation may apply for or participate in different programs, such as: WIC, burial benefits, TANF, social services, food distribution, medical and school clothing. Without becoming an enrolled member, these benefits and programs are not available.

According to Dr. Dannette McIntosh, Deputy Director, MCN Division of Community Services, the WIC program will allow the child to use the parent's enrollment number for the short term, the WIC office urges parents to enroll their child, so that WIC may refer them to other departments, such as school clothing or health care benefits.

"Children need to become citizens as soon as possible," said McIntosh. "They cannot go off of a parent's roll number for everything. They must have their own roll number, otherwise, benefits are not available."

"We want to urge citizens to go to the Citizenship Office and enroll their children," said Ellis. "Don't wait until the child is 10 or 11 years old or even an adult, enroll them now, so that they are eligible for services provided by our

nation."

When beginning the process for enrollment, Citizenship will provide a packet to the individual requesting enrollment information. In the packet is a checklist for citizenship, instructions for completing the form and how to obtain the requested documentation, citizenship application, no dual enrollment form and an authorization for release of information.

Applicants should remember to bring completed documentation along with original state- or federally-issued documentation for the application. These documents will be returned to the applicant after they are scanned into their system.

The Office of Citizenship cannot accept an application unless the last enrollee's family file is completed and updated with current information.

"If there are no delays and the paper work is complete and accurate, the average wait time is one to two weeks before an applicant becomes a tribal citizen," said Citizenship Manager Laura Wesley.

For more information on becoming an enrolled citizen, please contact the MCN Citizenship Office at (918) 732-7941.

Mvskoke Country: Otvwoskuce, "Little Chestnut-Gathering"

by James Treat

The third month of the Mvskoke year is commonly translated as "Little Chestnut," but there's more to it than that.

In linguistic terms, this month's name was formed by combining the noun *oto*, "chestnut," with an inflection of the verb *wvsketv*, "to thrash," producing the phrase *otvwoskv*, "chestnut-thrashing," then adding the diminutive suffix *-uce*, "little." So a literal translation of *Otvwoskuce* is "Little Chestnut-Thrashing." Like other months in *cokv-walv* Mvskoke, it has a counterpart in the annual cycle—in this case, the month that follows: *Otvwoskv-Rakko*, "Big Chestnut-Thrashing."

Why chestnut? Why thrashing? And why name two of the twelve Mvskoke months for a single use of a single tree?

The American chestnut was once the dominant hardwood in the eastern woodlands. This majestic tree could grow to over a hundred feet tall, with a massive trunk more than twenty feet in circumference at the base. One nineteenth-century writer called it "a very grandfather among trees."

The bark is brown-gray and furrowed with age. The leaves are dark green, oblong and taper-pointed in shape, and edged with more and sharper teeth (*dentata*) than other chestnuts (*castanea*)—which accounts for the tree's scientific name, *Castanea dentata*. American chestnuts bloom in the summer, later than other deciduous trees, producing clusters of small, cream-colored flowers on a pencil-sized spike. They bear fruit in the form of spiny husks containing one to three smooth, reddish-brown nuts.

The documentary record on this "king of the forest" goes back nearly half a millennium. A member of Hernando de Soto's 1540 expedition through Mvskoke country noted that

"wherever there are mountains, there are chestnuts." In 1775, William Bartram observed a similar pattern south of the Alabama River, where "the highest hills near large creeks afford high forests with abundance of Chesnut trees." The first catalog of North American trees, published in France in 1810, described the American chestnut as "most multiplied in the mountainous districts of the Carolinas and Georgia," where "the coolness of the summer and the mildness of the winter in these regions are favorable."

Oto loves mountains, especially the southern Appalachians, but its natural range extends from New England to southern Ontario to the lower Mississippi valley. Iroquois, Mohegan, Delaware, Cherokee, and other native peoples have used various parts of the tree for food, medicine, supplies, and building materials. Even the Natchez had a month named for the chestnut.

Their burs develop through the summer and begin to open around the time of first frost. The edible nuts are nutritious and surprisingly sweet.

Henry David Thoreau was fascinated by this bountiful tree, especially around harvest time; from October 1856: "It is a rich sight, that of a large chestnut tree with a dome-shaped top, where the yellowing leaves have become thin, . . . all richly rough with great brown burs, which are opened into several segments so as to show the wholesome-colored nuts peeping forth, ready to fall on the slightest jar." He loved to go "a-chestnutting," best pursued as a social activity.

How to get more of the precious fruit to drop from on high? There are several methods.

Thoreau admitted to heaving a big stone against the trunk of a chestnut to shake things loose, though he regretted the act: "The tree whose fruit we would obtain should not be too rudely shaken."

Others tossed clubs into the crown of a tree to bring down the nuts. Tonawanda artist Ernest Smith's painting "Gathering Chestnuts" shows a Sen-

eca man clubbing a large chestnut while his wife and son gather the burs and nuts that have fallen. As a child, Jimmy Carter celebrated his October 1st birthday each year by clubbing chestnuts on the family farm near Plains, Georgia.

Perhaps the least invasive way to harvest chestnuts involves the use of a thrashing pole. A handbook for girls published in 1887, for example, describes "nutting-parties" where low-hanging fruit is "thrashed down from the branches by some of the party, who use long poles for the purpose."

This was apparently the method preferred by Mvskokes before being forced to move west. There is evidence for this in the most recent dictionary of the Mvskoke language, where the full definition of *wvsketv* is "to thrash (pecans, fruit, etc. with a pole so as to knock them down)."

But when our Mvskoke ancestors arrived in Indian Territory, they found no *oto*—just its scrawny cousin, the chinquapin.

Several decades later, on the eve of the American Civil War, the authors of the first comprehensive grammar of the Mvskoke language translated *Otvwoskuce* as "Little Chestnut Gathering." And then the collective memory of this vital activity faded with each passing generation, until the third month of the Mvskoke year was known only as "Little Chestnut."

You can find more information about Mvskoke country, including an archive of previous columns, at <http://mvskokecountry.wordpress.com/>

I welcome your comments on anything I've written, as well as your suggestions for things I should be writing about. You can reach me by email at treaty@illinois.edu



Sucker Day Festival

September 25, 2010
Wetumka, Oklahoma
Featuring Artwork
by
JAMES A. MITCHELL
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CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Creek Chapel Methodist taco and garage sale

OKEMAH — The Creek Chapel Methodist Church will host an Indian taco sale, garage sale and car wash in Okemah on Sept. 11, 2010 beginning at 10 a.m.

The garage sale will be held at the farmer's market area at 2nd and Main; and the car wash at Main and Gentry across from Homeland.

Indian tacos with drink and dessert (\$5), will be available for dine-in or carry-out from 10 a.m., until gone at the Okemah community center.

For more information, please call Pauline M. Faubion at (918) 618-3111.

Starr stars in 'The Frybread Queen'

MISSOULA, Montana, — The UM School of Theatre & Dance/Monatana Rep will present "The Frybread Queen" by Carolyn Dunn at the Masquer Theatre, PARTV Center, UM_Missoula.

The production will run Sept. 17-26 on select days and times. Please call John DeBoer at (406) 243-2018 for more information.

Chalakee-Berryhill Family Reunion

BROKEN ARROW — Family, friends and relatives are invited to the reunion of the late Rev. John and Fannie (Berryhill) Chalakee at Springtown United Methodist Church, located at 41st and Oak Grove Rd., in Broken Arrow, Sept. 3 - 5, 2010.

There will be an auction Saturday night at 7 p.m., with a covered dish lunch and games following Sunday School with talent time later in the evening. For more information, please call (918) 279-0869.

Francis Family Reunion

EUFULA — The 23rd Annual Francis Family Reunion will be held at Artussee Indian Baptist Church in Eufaula on Sat., Sept. 18, 2010. Family

members are asked to bring a covered dish, drinks, pictures and door prizes. For more information, please contact Anna King (918) 437-5953.

Seminole camp meeting

SEMINOLE — The Little River Mission in Seminole, Okla., will host a four-day camp meeting service, Sept. 8 - 11, 2010. All are invited.

For more information, please call Pastor Redmond Wolf (405) 382-9901.

Co-ed Volleyball Open Tournament

OKMULGEE — MCN Tourism & Recreation will host an open Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010 at 10 a.m., at the Claude Cox Omniplex.

Entry fee is \$50 per team for an eight-person roster (four men/ four women). This is a double elimination tournament and entry deadline is Sept. 10, 2010.

For more information, please contact the MCN Office of Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992.

Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Open Tournament

OKMULGEE — Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010, MCN Tourism & Recreation will host a Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Open Tournament at Claude Cox Omniplex, Okmulgee, Okla.

Entry deadline is Sept. 16, 2010 and the entry fee is \$100 (Cashier's Check or Money Order Only) Softballs furnished, No refunds.

For more information, please contact MCN Tourism & Recreation at (918) 732-7992.

Okemah Hospital Auxiliary volunteers wanted

OKEMAH — The Hettie S. Burgess Memorial Auxiliary is recruiting volunteers for their programs which serve Weleetka and Okemah area summer food and youth programs along with a diabetes support group

and the Weleetka Mentoring Teen Girls group.

A dinner meeting will be held Sept. 20, 2010 at 6 p.m., at 2009 Parkview Drive, in Okmulgee. Those interested in serving as auxiliary members, should contact Shirley Almerigi at (918) 691-6750.

"Wings of Night Sky, Wings of Morning Light"

TULSA — The Tulsa Library Trust, The American Indian Resource Center and the Readers' Library are excited to partner with the Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers to kick off the Celebration of Books.

A special performance called "Wings of Night Sky, Wings of Morning Light" by musician, poet and playwright, Joy Harjo (Mvskoke) on Thursday Sept. 23, 2010 will kick off the event at 7 p.m., at the Tulsa Central Library with a book signing to follow.

For more information, call (918) 596-7398.

Wilson Indian Community Farmers' Group

WILSON — Wilson Indian Community will be hosting a meeting with the Oklahoma Farmers and Ranchers on Monday, Sept. 20, 2010 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wilson Indian Community is located 10 miles north of Henryetta and 15 miles west of Okmulgee.

For more information, please contact Rita Williams at (918) 650-9758 after 6 p.m., or call Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative at (918) 759-0883 during the office hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thlopthlocco Tribal Town candidate forum

THLOPTHLOCCO — There will be a campaign forum for Thlopthlocco Tribal Town members on Saturday, Sept.

18, 2010 from 1-4 p.m., at the Okmulgee OSU PSO Lounge / Student Union, located at 1801E. 4th St., in Okmulgee.

Candidates will be present to announce their candidacy for office, individual reasons for running, and qualifications to hold elective and advisory positions.

Collectively, these candidates worked together to develop a comprehensive, 14 year plan. Each project or task has a corresponding time line in which to be completed.

The plan's main goal is to protect and promote the best interest of Thlopthlocco and its citizens as well as implement a system of checks and balances within our governmental structure.

All Thlopthlocco citizens and family are encouraged to attend this forum, meet candidates and share any questions or concerns.

Refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Tim Cheek at (918) 623-9146.



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Coser, Jr., completes Udall Fellowship in D.C.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

WASHINGTON, D.C., — The White House gleams in the sun, traffic rumbles past, monuments stand tall, museums pepper the area surrounding the Mall and Capitol Hill contains the hustle and bustle of the Senate and the House; this is our nation's capitol, Washington, D.C.

It is also where Muscogee (Creek) citizen, Pete Coser, Jr., successfully completed a two-month Udall Foundation internship learning the inner-workings of the federal government.

"The highly regarded internship program is intended to provide Native Americans and Alaska Natives with an insider's view of the federal government," said Coser. "The internship is located in Washington, D.C., and is known for placing Native students in competitive positions in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments and the White House, where they are able to observe the government decision-making process first-hand."

Coser was one of twelve students from across the nation, selected for the 2010 Udall Foundation Native American Congressional Internship. Students were selected by an independent review committee of national recognized Native American educators and tribal policy leaders on the basis of demonstrated commitment to careers in tribal public

policy, such as: tribal governance, law, education, health, revitalization and economic development.

He explained the experience to his children and his oldest was excited that he would work with President Obama.

"I explained to my oldest that I would work for Sen. Tester of Montana and that Sen. Tester works with President Obama and my little four-year-old knows who President Obama is. That helped him identify where I was and what I was doing," said Coser. "Whenever he'd see the president on television, he'd say, 'Daddy's in D.C., working for Obama.'"

When Coser was little, he knew what he wanted to be, when he grew up.

"When I was young, I knew I wanted to be a lawyer," said Coser. "I'd bug mom about wanting to watch cartoons during the day, while she was in grad school but she made me sit down and watch Perry Mason with her and that got me hooked."

"I worked for Sen. Jon Tester in American Indian Affairs and with legislative assistant, Mark Jette," said Coser. "It was a great learning experience for me. It's really what I want to be doing."

Coser enjoyed assisting with the daily activities and learning how the federal government works.

pletion of the internship," said Coser. "Good because I was coming home and I'd get to see all of my family; bad because the kind of work I was doing, is what I want to be doing. It was a lot of policy research and advocacy."

As an Adjunct Instructor at the College of the Muscogee Nation, Coser will teach Native American history. He has previously taught Native American history and tribal government at the college.

Coser graduated in May 2010 with this Masters in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma, Tulsa Campus and has a Bachelor Degree in Political Science from Oklahoma State University. He and his wife, Rebekah (Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe) have three children. Coser is of the Fox Clan, Kvs-setv Tribal Town, Big Cussetah Methodist Church and Arbeka Talladega Ceremonial Ground. He is the son of Dr. Pete and Jo Anna Coser. Paternal grandparents are the late George and Stella Coser, Sr., and maternal grandparents are the late Sam and Josephine Wade (Choctaw).

In his spare time, Coser is active in his ceremonial grounds and along with his father and uncles, sings with the Redland Singers Drum and close friends. He also enjoys lacrosse, stickball, Oklahoma State sports, family time and running 5K races.



Photo Courtesy/Coser Family

Pictured above is Pete Coser, Jr., who recently completed a Udall Foundation internship with the federal government in Washington, D.C.

"I want to emphasize that even as I receive opportunities and accolades, it is due to the major support from my family, friends and those that were here before me, which reflects a spiritual connection; only the mistakes are mine."

— Udall Fellow Pete Coser, Jr.

policy and academic achievement.

The Udall Foundation awards approximately twelve internships per year based on merit. These awards are given to college junior or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges, or graduate or law students who have demonstrated an interest in fields related to tribal public

"I was doing everything from writing constituent letters, sit-in on tribal leadership conferences with Montana tribal leaders and citizens of different tribes from across the nation," said Coser. "I also helped work on legislation involving Indian land and putting that land into trust."

"I felt good and bad upon com-

Coser is thankful to those who have helped him along the way.

"I want to emphasize that even as I receive opportunities and accolades, it is due to the major support from my family, friends and those that were here before me, which reflects a spiritual connection; only the mistakes are mine," said Coser. "My

family and my friends, they have taught me to focus my work on putting people first. This is why I teach at CMN, volunteered as speaker for Owasso Indian Education, obtained my MHR, play lacrosse/stickball, sing at the drum with Redland or other family and spoke about Creek people, projects and experiences

while working for Sen. Jon Tester and Mark Jette."

For more information on the Udall Foundation Education Programs and Scholarships, please visit www.udall.gov e-mail info@udall.gov or call (520) 901-8500.

Allred in the running for 'Hardest Working Man'

Herman Brown
Okmulgee Daily Times Editor

MORRIS — James Allred is like the Energizer Bunny. He keeps going and going and going... He starts his day early and finishes it late. He's a workaholic who splits his time between his family, his job and his nearly completed drive to obtain a college education.

Simply put, James Allred is one of the hardest-working people in America. And, with a little help from his friends, he could officially earn that title.

James has been selected as one of 10 finalists in the nation in the Mitchum (antiperspirant/deodorant) Hardest Working Person in America contest. The winner of the competition will be awarded the \$100,000 grand prize. Second place will pick up \$10,000.

So, what about James Allred? He's a Weleetka native who has re-located to Okmulgee County. James and his wife, Ronda, are raising their three sons at their family home south of Morris. The boys are Riley, 11; Ryan, 7; and Jace, 4.

James is very active in his boys' lives. He is an assistant coach on Riley's Morris WildThang baseball team. He also pitches for Ryan's Morris Cardinals coach-pitch team.

"In the winter months, he helps (coach) the boys' wrestling teams at Morris," said his wife, Ronda. "He's so involved in all they do. He's a great dad."

James has added responsibilities at home of feeding and caring for a herd of cows. That goes along with his other up-keep of the house and property on the farm.

As important as those duties are, his 'real' paycheck comes from owning and operating two

businesses in Okmulgee. James co-owns and operates Sooner Safe Rooms and SSR Trucking.

"He has the safe-room business, but also does all kinds of slab and concrete work," his wife said. "And the trucking company is a dump truck service."

James' remaining waking hours are spent on his college courses at OSU-IT in Okmulgee. He will graduate this December with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. His grades in recent semesters are straight A's. Not bad for an ultra-busy man with a world of responsibilities.

"With work and school and the kids, he stays busy all the time," Ronda said. "That's why I thought

of him when I saw that (Mitchum) commercial on TV. It was looking to find the hardest working person in America. I think James is the hardest working person."

After thinking about the contest, the Allred family decided to join thousands of other hopefuls in chasing the prize. That's when two good friends stepped in to help shoot an entry video for James. The video was shot and edited by Charley Whitley and Rod Wiemer. They followed James around and captured, on video, a series of shots while he worked.

"The (video) is about 2:40," said Ronda. "It shows him working at our home, pouring concrete, driving stakes, mowing the yard, building a fence, feeding the cows and pitching for our 7-year-old son's coach-pitch team."

"He works from sun up until sun down," Ronda said. "And even when he's not at work, he's at home doing work related to his jobs. He'll be on the phone scheduling or talking about something with his business. Add in all he does for the kids and going to college, and he really is the hardest working person in

America. He deserves that [title]."

Voting is now underway on the website. Ballots were accepted until Aug. 15, 2010. The finalists with the most votes will be awarded the \$100,000 prize.

That would be a well-deserved prize for such a wonderful father and husband. Friends are encouraged to visit the web site and vote once per day until the contest ends.

His video may be viewed on the Internet at the following site: www.jamesallred.mitchumhardest-working.com





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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY AYRES

OKEMAH — Dorothy Lorine (Robison) Ayres was born Nov. 12, 1919 to Clem Van Robison and Clara Louise (Doxtator) Robison in Okemah, Okla. Dorothy passed peacefully from this earth on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2009, at the age of 90 years.

Dorothy lived in Okemah and graduated from high school there in 1938. She married Johnson Harjo and they had four daughters: Dolores Mae (Harjo) Bonitz; Betty Lou (Harjo) Whitebird, Oklahoma City; Esther Ruth (Harjo) Collins, Oklahoma City; and Bonnie Sue (Harjo) Manriquez, San Francisco, California.

They parted ways and Dorothy relocated to San Francisco, Calif., in 1945, where she lived for 27 years then moved to Reno, Nev., in 1972 where she lived out the remaining years of her life. During that time, she then had children Judith Larson, San Mateo, California; Michael Dean Ayres; Margaret (Gwen) Wilson, Reno, Nev.

Dorothy was preceded in death by an infant daughter, her parents Clem and Louise Robison, stepmother Lizzie (Harjo) Robison, sister Mildred (Robison) Foster, brother Wallace Edwin Robison, and sister Margaret (Robison) McKinnon, and she is survived by her children, Dolores, Betty Lou, Esther Ruth, Bonnie Sue, Judith, Michael Dean, and Margaret Gwen; sister, Kathleen (Robison) Butler of Tulsa, OK; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Her ashes were placed at the foot of her mother's grave as she requested, in the Thlopthlocco Indian Methodist Church cemetery, with Rev. David Little officiating.

JUANITA KELLY

BRISTOW — Juanita Ruth Kelly, a longtime resident of Okmulgee, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010 at the age of 72. She



was born Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1937 to George Coser, Sr., and Abbie Leaster Cummings in Claremore, Okla.

She graduated in 1955 from Sequoyah High School and retired from St. John's Hospital as a nurse's aide where she worked for over 30 years.

She was a devoted Christian since early childhood and encouraged her children and grandchildren to follow her path. She supported her family's choice of religion and raised them to appreciate and enjoy both the Christian and ceremonial ground ways of life.

She was a member of the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church and Okmulgee Indian Community. Juanita enjoyed playing the piano, gospel singings, traveling and sewing. She enjoyed the fellowship with her family and friends at the churches and ceremonial grounds. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren that she actively helped raise, she instilled the importance of education to each one. She was a avid OU football fan.

Survivors include her children, Roger D. Butler and wife, Marina of Bowlegs, Ronald D. Butler and wife, Shirley of Coweta, Randall G. Butler of the home, Ruth E. Day and husband, Paul of Ponca City, Julia Mendoza of Tulsa, Christine Butler of Tulsa and Andy Butler of Hanna; brothers, Prentice Tiger and wife, Alta of Tulsa, George Coser, Jr., of Glenpool, Dr. Pete Coser of Stillwater, Wayne Coser of Okmulgee and Joe Wallace Bruner and wife, Rachel of Lamar; sisters,

Lonnie Tapia and husband, Arnie of Seattle, Wash., Izora Carter of Okmulgee, Doreen K. Murray and husband, Johnny of Hanna, Sharon Neil and husband, Rick of Broken Arrow, Louise Wisdom and husband, Johnsey of Tulsa, Charlene Keah-Tigh of Miami, Georgia Coser Frye of Muskogee and Nettie Harjo of Okmulgee; grandsons, Cory Butler, Gannon Brown, Brandon "B.J." Butler, Earl S. Howe IV, Colton Butler, Brent Butler, Ryan Butler, Dakota Marshall and Prudencio Mendoza; granddaughters, Rayna Thornton, Tia Brown, RaeLynn Butler, Shannon Hart, Amy Lynn Barnett, Ashley "Honey" Butler, Elaina Howe and Becky Butler; sixteen great grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tom Beaver and Abbie Leaster Cummings; father, George Coser, Sr.; sisters, Nancy Bruner and Joyceetta Bark; brothers, Skipper Tiger and Robert Tiger and daughter, Ramona Butler; brother-in-law, Wesley Butler, sister-in-law, Leta Marshall and aunt, Hettie Tiger.

Pallbearers were Robert Smith, Matt Wisdom, William Gouge, Dennis Simpson, Sterlin Harjo, Rufus Gould, Mike Wisdom and Vincent Thomas. Honorary pallbearers were her grandsons.

Friends may send their condolences to www.shurdenjackson.com

WILLIE HARJO

TULSA — Willie Harjo passed away on Aug. 8, 2010 in Tulsa at the age of 48 years. Funeral services were held Aug. 12, 2010 at Wetumka Indian Baptist Church with Woodie Fields and Richard Fixico officiating.

Interment followed at Harjo Family Cemetery in Wetumka, Okla. Services were under the direction of Moore's Rosewood Chapel in Tulsa, Okla. J.R. Wisdom officiated at the service held at Moore's Rosewood Chapel.

Willie was born on Feb. 23, 1962 in Wetumka, Oklah., to the late Noah



Harjo and the late Nancy (Deer) Harjo. He was a member of Sand Creek Baptist Church in Wetumka.

Willie was raised in Tulsa and enjoyed fishing, working on cars, cookouts, and visiting family and friends. Willie was preceded in death by his parents Noah and Nancy Harjo.

Survivors include his children and step children: William, Neosha, David, Ricky, Jennifer, Reggie, Nick, Dustin, Deanna, Kristin, Willie Jr., and Allissa. He is also survived by 3 sisters, Nadine Monroy of Tulsa, Okla., Shirley Pigeon of Okemah, Okla., Cindy Williams of Tulsa, Okla., four brothers, Lloyd Harjo of Tulsa, Okla., David Harjo of Oregon, Mike Harjo of Tulsa, Okla., and Noah Harjo, Jr., of Durant, Okla., 14 grandchildren, and nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He will be missed but will remain forever in our hearts and will never be forgotten.

PAUL HARJO

SHAWNEE — Paul Nelson Harjo, of Muskogee (Creek) and Seminole decent was born Sept. 30, 1943 in Hanna, Okla. He was born to Noah and Edith Harris Harjo.

In 1961, he graduated from Henryetta High School. He received a B.A. degree in 1968 from Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah.

On Nov. 26, 1965, he married Sharon Kennedy. Together they raised two children, Jennifer and

Gregg in Shawnee, Okla. He departed from this life July 16, 2010 after a brief battle with cancer.

Harjo worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs from 1968 to 1982 in the Human Resources Department. Later in 1982 he was employed at Tinker Air Force Base as a Staffing Specialist until he retired in 2002.

Silver smithing is not traditional to the Creek or Seminole tribes. Being able to create a beautiful piece of jewelry out of a sheet of sterling silver and an uncut stone inspired Paul in his pursuit of silver smithing in 1975. In 1978, he entered a competition in the Silver Category at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee, winning first prize. Paul's creative style of both contemporary and traditional jewelry making earned numerous awards over the years.

His work has been displayed in exhibits and sold throughout the United States. Paul traveled to Europe over 10 times, exhibiting his jewelry in Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France and England. He also traveled to Guam to display his jewelry. The Red Earth Arts Festival in Oklahoma City is one of the most prestigious shows he entered each since 1989.

Cherishing his memory are his wife, Sharon; two children, Jennifer and Greg; three Grandchildren, Iris, Kyle and Reese; mother Edith; one brother, Larry; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

THANK YOU

WETUMKA — The family of Willie Harjo would like to thank Wetumka Indian Baptist Church of Wetumka and Moore Funeral Home for the services.

A special "Thank You," to all the officiating pastors, to all the ladies at the church who prepared the meals, the pallbearers, the Muskogee (Creek) Nation and all the grave side workers.

Thank you everyone for being with us in our time of need. We also appreciate those who sent flowers or food.

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BIRTHDAYS

SHAWN CASTILLE



TULSA — Shawn Castille celebrated a birthday on Aug. 21, 2010 with a Sponge Bob party at Dripping Springs.

Castille is the son of Larinda and Ramon Castille and brother of Derek Castille. His grandparents are Maggie Lewis of Weleetka and Carlos Castille of Wilson. Great grandparents are Sonnie and Nannie Lewis of Dustin.

HARLAN CULLEY



LAWRENCE, Kansas — Harlan James Culley celebrated a birthday on July, 30, 2010.

Culley is the son of Dollie Scott and Bill Culley. He has three sisters; Alisha Dakota and Chyenne.

Culley is the grandson of the late Lona and Joseph Scott and Dora Neconish. He attends Freestate High School and is of the Wind Clan.

YAZMINE KING



OKMULGEE — Yazmine Faye King celebrated a birthday July 15, 2010 with a Minnie Mouse party.

King is the daughter of Virgil King Jr. and Kim Reagan.

King is the granddaughter of Jerry and Amy Reagan. Her great grandparents are Delina and Virgil King Sr., of Tulsa.

King attends the Sowin Seeds Daycare. She is of the Deer Clan and the Arbeka Tribal Town.

ADDIE LEWIS



WICHITA, Kansas — Addie Marks Lewis recently celebrated a birthday on Aug. 31, 2010. The theme of the celebration was "Thanking God for Life."

Lewis is the daughter of John and Margaret Marks.

Lewis has eighteen brothers and sisters. She attended school in Clearview, Okla.

HALEY WAQUIE



HENRYETTA — Haley Ann Waquie recently celebrated a birthday with a family dinner.

Waquie is the daughter of Lindsey Waquie and sister of Ethan Waquie. Her grandparents are Patricia Fry and Joe Waquie. Her great grandparents are May and the late Harbie Fry.

She is of the Nokose Clan, Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town and Hickory Ceremonial Ground.

BIRTHS

MAKENNA OVERHOLT



BROKEN ARROW — Sandra and Duke Overholt welcomed the birth of their daughter Makenna Renee Overholt. Born at Claremore Indian Hospital on May 12, 2010, Overholt weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 19 inches.

Paternal grandparents are Mac Overholt, and Glenna Bon. Maternal

grandparents are Sammy Hill and Becky Savage.

Overholt is of the Beaver Clan and the New Tulsa Tribal Town.

ALEXIA FORMBY



BROKEN ARROW — Ty and Alayna Formby welcomed the birth of their daughter Alexia Drew Formby on Aug. 13, 2010. Born at Claremore Indian Hospital, Formby weighed seven pounds and measured 19.5 inches.

She is the sister of Tess Formby. Her grandparents are Mark and Teresa Betche and Mark and Debbie Formby.

Great grandparents are Roy and Nedra Brown, Ben and Wanda McCune, Sherry Betche and the late Clyde Betche, and Mary Dell Formby and the late Buddy Formby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JACEY CHAPMAN



SAPULPA— Jacey Chapman graduated from Sapulpa High School

and Central Technology Center with her nursing assistant certification.

She was a member of the Sapulpa N.A.S.A for seven years, Secretary of H.O.S.A (Health Occupation Students of America) for two years, and an MCN Challenge Bowl participant for six years.

She will be attending Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., in the fall to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and will be specializing in neonatology.

She is the daughter of Vanessa Beaver and Jeff Moore of Sapulpa. The granddaughter of Vance and Barbara Beaver of Kinder, La.

Chapman is the youngest of six children and will be the first in her family to attend college. Her family is extremely proud of her for her accomplishments despite the many obstacles she has faced this year.

AMANDA RAMIREZ



OKLAHOMA CITY — Amanda (Morgan) Ramirez graduated from the Kramer School of Nursing at Oklahoma City University with a Bachelor's Degree of Nursing on May 8, 2010.

Amanda has an eight year old son, Izaia Sky, and is the granddaughter of the late Josephine Morgan of Morris Okla. She is the daughter of Ellen and David Lena of Okemah.

She has plans to work for IHS and serve with the U.S. Public Health Service Department of Health and Human Services. Amanda is an active member of People's Church in Oklahoma City.

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Melodie Reader
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OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens have cause to celebrate as the historic return of the Creek Council House and grounds were officially recognized by both Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief A.D. Ellis and Okmulgee Mayor Brian Priegel Sat., Nov. 20, 2010 in Okmulgee, Okla., along with the dignitaries and citizens in attendance.

After the ringing of the bell by Carney Roberts and Greg Berryhill, the MCN National Council convened upstairs in the original House of Warriors room for their monthly meeting. This was the same room used by the original legislative branch when the Council House was built 132 years ago.

The bell tolled again after the conclusion of the legislative session to announce the beginning of the ceremonies.

MCN citizen, actor, film-maker and Master of Ceremonies Sherwood Ball of Kona, Hawaii, stood atop Creek Council House portico and gave a brief welcome to those in attendance.

Ball spoke of his Muscogee heri-



MNN/Gerald Wofford

Pictured above is Principal Chief A.D. Ellis signing the deed to the Creek Council House and surrounding grounds. The purchase from the city of Okmulgee on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010 marked the tribe's legal ownership of the structure.

tage and his family from Wetumka, Okla., and their subsequent move to southern California. He spoke of his music, television and film career, but was most passionate about his family history and the story he has put to film concerning his grandfather, who was forced, as were many others, to give up land and oil rights at gun point, as described in the upcoming documentary entitled, “The Osage

Tribal Murders.”

“Our goal in making the documentary was to educate all tribal people about the things that happened to different tribal members,” said Ball. “We hope that through education, people will avoid problems in their life and I’m here to tell you that if you dream something and you work real hard, you can do it.”

SEE BEGINNING - B6

Duck Creek charter revoked

Angel Ellis
MNN Editorial Assistant

DUCK CREEK — In Executive Order 10-20 released Nov. 4, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief A.D. Ellis declared a national emergency in the Duck Creek Indian Community.

According to the order, a forensic audit revealed the community and or members of the Board of Directors allegedly engaged in criminal activity and financial cor-

ruption. “The Board of Directors of the Duck Creek Indian Community has failed to maintain the requisite integrity and effective operation of the business affairs of the Duck Creek Indian Community,” the order stated.

As a result of these actions, Ellis revoked the community’s charter and confiscated all financial resources and assets, placing the community under the direction of the tribal government.

Okmulgee Indian Clinic renovations complete

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation celebrated the grand re-opening of the Okmulgee Indian Health Clinic, at 1 p.m., Wed., Nov. 3, 2010 in Okmulgee, Okla.

Debra Isham, OIHC Health Administrator, gave a short welcome to those in attendance at the ceremony, located outside the entrance to the newly renovated facility. She thanked those who assisted with the design and construction as well as staff who worked in the building

during the reconstruction process.

“I am so pleased to welcome everyone on behalf of the staff of the Okmulgee Indian Health Center to our grand re-opening,” said Isham. “I’m so pleased for this day to come. The Okmulgee Clinic has been in this location since 1994 and it has grown in the service and the demand for those services since that time. We are very grateful that we have had the opportunity for this expansion and renovation.”

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Chief responds to third impeachment petition

Media Release
MCN Office of the Principal Chief

OKMULGEE — The purpose of this letter is to alert my fellow citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to the baseless accusations made against me by Edward F. Mouss II and to make my initial response to these groundless claims. The claims made by Mr. Mouss are without foundation and are in fact an effort to divert attention from investigations and allegations of wrongdoing against various officials of the Duck Creek Community and other chartered communities as well as continued attacks by the National Council on the legitimate exercise of the constitutional authority of the Principal Chief.

When I assumed the office of Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I took an oath to support and protect the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to enforce the Nation's laws. Throughout my term as Principal Chief, my

administration and I have vigorously enforced the laws of the Nation and have worked hard to make sure that tribal revenues are spent according to the federal and tribal laws and not for the personal benefit of charter community officials. In response to our efforts to faithfully execute our duties and responsibilities under the Constitution and laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, we have been opposed by those who wished to continue the status quo for their own personal goals and benefit.

Article V of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation provides that the Executive Branch has the authority to enforce the laws and that the Principal Chief has the authority to organize the executive branch. The National Council and chartered communities have opposed this legitimate exercise of executive authority at every turn, always seek-



Principal Chief A.D. Ellis

ing to strengthen their own power at the expense of the Principal Chiefs constitutional authority. These efforts by the National Council, in particular, have been universally rejected by the Nation's Supreme Court, which has sided with the Office of the Principal Chief in the legitimate exercise of tribal authority and separation of powers.

My office has also vigorously audited chartered community accounts and enforced tribal and federal gaming laws against the chartered communities for the benefit of the Nation as a whole. I view it as a sacred trust that tribal funds be spent legally and for the benefit of all of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Again, we have been opposed by those who have been used to treating chartered community funds as their personal bank accounts. My Administration has also exposed and eliminated corruption at the Trade & Commerce Authority despite protests from the National Council. Despite such opposition, we will not be deterred from our respon-

sibility to make sure that tribal funds are spent in accordance with the laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and we pledge to continue our efforts to audit all such accounts and prosecute those who have not lived up to the legitimate expectations of all tribal citizens that tribal funds be spent honestly and openly accounted for in accordance with applicable laws.

Further, I would point out to my fellow citizens that the petition in question has been brought by Edward F. Mouss II, who is the nephew of former Principal Chief Fife (now National Council Representative). Former Chief Fife's son, Jeff Fife, is one of the individuals recently charged with fraud and embezzlement of Duck Creek Community funds. We believe that these connections shed light on the baseless nature of these allegations.

I look forward to continuing to execute the laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation faithfully on behalf of all of its citizens and will not be deterred by these false accusations.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:)
J.F., DOB: 08-12-00)
Alleged Deprived Child.)

Case No. JV-2007-06

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NANCY JUNKER
COURT CLERK
MUSCOGEE (CREEK)
NATION

NOTICE OF HEARING TO:
Corina Little Feather Fixico, mother of J.F.

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed against you in the above-styled and numbered cause and will be heard in the District Courtroom of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on the 7th day of December, 2010 at 10 a.m.

YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED that it is sought by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that the children remain wards of the Court and custody be continued in the Children and Family Services Administration for continued foster placement of possible pre-adoptive placement. YOU ARE FURTHER INFORMED that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel at this hearing.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the marriage of MONDOUX:)
STACIE YVETTE MONDOUX,)
Petitioner,)
vs.)
TOMMY WAYNE MONDOUX,)
Respondent.)

Case No. DV-2010-106

Judge of the District Court

SERVICE OF SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Tommy Wayne Mondoux

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. DV-2010-106, styled In re the Marriage of Mondoux, Stacie Mondoux, Petitioner and Tommy Mondoux, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

You are notified that you must answer the Petition filed by the petitioner on or before the 14th day of December, 2010, or appear at the hearing on the 14th day of December 2010 at 2:00 o'clock p.m. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the Petition being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her Petition.

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of November, 2010.

Letter to the Editor

Citizen 'reclaims' history

KONA, Hawaii — Recently, I was invited to be a special guest MC for the formal signing of the deed by Chief Ellis for “reclaiming” our Council House building which was seized from us by the 16th U.S. Congress in 1908.

After reading the original Congressional bill, I realized it was just like all bills passed by the U.S. government, where a bill is passed with several other bills attached to it.

Not unlike our health care bill which is adorned like a Christmas tree with all sorts of other bills. This is one of those bills that was slipped in on a bill to authorize trade and passenger transportation with the Philippine Islands.

The clause that really stood out was, “The Secretary of the Interior shall take possession of all buildings on lands belonging to the Five Civilized Tribes now and heretofore.” And that’s what they did.

Back in 1898, our tribal council approved the funding to have the Council House built. Ten years later, the government took it away.

It’s funny, because to my under-

standing, being one of the Five Civilized Tribes, we were not at war with the U.S. government. So why did they take it?

During WWII in the Hawaiian Islands, the Japanese residents were rounded up and placed in internment camps. Their homes, land, and bank accounts were also seized. WE WEREN’T AT WAR.

Anyway, I hopped on a plane at 10:45 p.m., Thursday, in Kona, Hawaii and traveled for about 17 hours to arrive in Okmulgee at 4:45 p.m., Friday. Had a great dinner with the founder of the California Creeks, Eli Grayson, went to my room and wrote a little speech about my Creek family and my career. If you were there, you were witness to a formal yet fun ceremony.

The highlight for me was Children of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Headstart Program. I was equally impressed with how many people showed up like the Mayor, Senators, National Council Members, Mekkos, and Tribal Townships. It took a lot of hard work and a lot of people putting in extra hours to put this event on and they deserve a pat

on the back and a job, “Well done!”

The next day, I hopped on a flight in Tulsa, opted to NOT be irradiated and was in my bed in Kona by midnight. A few things have been rolling around in my head since this event I was fortunate enough to participate in. While watching an actual session of the National Council, I really got that many people are trying very hard to do the right thing for our people, especially the elders and children.

What came to mind was, what can we do to help create jobs for the kids once they’re out of school? There are only so many jobs working at fast food restaurants.

Young people with degrees from college are working minimum wage jobs. We need to train our youth in skills that will actually create a good living for them and their families. In Hawaii, when a local graduates from school, it’s pretty much a “dead end”, even after they go to college.

I offered my services before I left to do a seminar this summer for the Summer Youth Program to teach kids Computer Graphics skills, Film Edit-

ing, Sound Engineering, Web site development, etc.

I see so many animated films where they’ll have 20 different companies from around the world working on sections of the film. Thailand, Korea, Mexico, Costa Rica, and the U.S. Why not the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Graphics Warriors?

Fifty to 100 people can work out of their homes using the internet and have a career without having to move away from their loved ones and friends. I’ve done the work for my own films.

To wind this up, my feeling is we need to prepare the youth with skills that can actually get them work and also we need to step up to the 21st century and start creating PRODUCTS. An Art school, an on-line store for the MCN, MCN Bottled Water, Educational TV production, Alternative Energy and Organic farming.

I’ve achieved so many of my dreams. I know we as a nation through focus, discipline and hard work can do the same.

Mvto,

Sherwood Ball



Letter from MNN Editor:

OKMULGEE — You may have noticed there was no mid-month edition for Nov., because of a server crash at the last minute. The next edition will make up for a missed MNN as it will include the 2010 year-in-review. Technology doesn’t always cooperate but we wanted to give those of you who didn’t get the opportunity to attend the celebration a chance to see it though our lenses, so please enjoy this issue.

Though it may be an inadequate substitute for the real thing, I think I speak for all our staff when I tell you that our coverage of the Creek Council House celebration was definitely one of the most memorable events of 2010.

I had a conversation with a friend earlier this week and he asked me why history is important.

I decided that perhaps the best reason keys on the fact that it illustrates what we can be by showing us who we are through the stories of our ancestors. Know your history; know your potential.

It is rare that one has the chance to experience a true piece of history in the making with state, tribal and national representation as well as with family and friends. I hope you will enjoy the photos and consider keeping this edition as a keepsake for your children and grandchildren as a symbol of our strength and determination as Indian people.

If you have news, events or story ideas, please contact the Communications Department by phone at (918) 732-7720 or e-mail me at R Landsberry@muscogeenation-nsn.gov



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:)
D.N.; DOB: 07-30-99)
Alleged Deprived Child.)

Case No.: JV 2003-18
2010 OCT -8 A 10:00

NOTICE OF HEARING
and
ORDER TO APPEAR

Muscogee (Creek) Nation to: Unknown Father of D.N., DOB: 07-30-99

You are hereby notified that a Termination hearing will be held in the above-styled case for the said child on the 11th day of January, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.

You are ordered to appear at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Capitol Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma at the date and time set.

FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.

PATRICK E. MOORE
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:)
J. L. W.,)
D.O.B.: 8/4/1994)
A minor child.)

CASE NO. AD-2010-18
Judge of the District Court

SERVICE OF SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

To: CLARENCE A. WHITE JR.

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for adoption of a Minor Child in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, AD 2010-18, styled In the Matter of the Adoption of J.L.W., a minor child. The action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled to adoption over the minor child based on abandonment.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioner or appear on or before the 4th day of January, 2011 in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of November, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court,
Okmulgee District

By: Sharon McElanathan
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

Approved:

Veterans' Scoop

Staff
Veterans Affairs Service Office

The Veterans' Scoop will feature articles and updates from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and other credible sources.

VA announces \$41 million to aid homeless vets

WASHINGTON, D.C., — Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki has announced that 40 states will share more than \$41.9 million in grants to community groups to provide 2,568 beds for homeless Veterans this year.

"These grants wouldn't have happened without the extraordinary partnerships forged with community organizers," said VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki. "These investments will provide transitional beds to veterans who have served honorably, but for various reasons now find themselves in a downward spiral toward despair and homelessness."

The Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program provides grants and per diem payments to help public and nonprofit organizations establish and operate new supportive housing and service centers for homeless veterans.

The \$41.9 million is broken into two categories. About \$26.9 million will help renovate, rehabilitate or acquire space for 1,352 transitional housing beds. A second group of awards, valued at \$15 million, will immediately fund 1,216 beds at existing transitional housing for homeless Veterans this year. The awards will cover daily living costs based upon the num-

ber of homeless Veterans being served in transitional housing.

A key component of VA's plan to eliminate homelessness among Veterans within five years, the grants and per diem payments helped reduce the number of veterans who were homeless on a typical night last year by 18 percent to about 107,000 veterans within one year.

VA's strategy to eliminate homelessness among veterans is to implement a "no wrong door" approach, meaning veterans who seek assistance should find it in any number of VA's programs, from community partners or through contract services.

Under the Secretary's action plan to end homelessness among Veterans, VA will continue to offer a full range of support necessary to end the cycle of homelessness by providing education, jobs, health care and counseling, in addition to housing. VA will increase the number and variety of housing options available to homeless Veterans and those at risk, including permanent, transitional, contracted, community-operated and VA-operated housing. Most importantly, VA will target at-risk Veteran populations with aggressive support intervention to try to prevent homelessness before it starts.

For more information, visit VA's Web site for VA's National Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Office at www.va.gov/homeless. Additionally, VA has a National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, 1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838),

www1.va.gov/HOMELESS/NationalCallCenter.asp.



2010 MCN Veterans' Day



Clinic

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"As we mark today, I want this to be known that this isn't a place to come, just when you are sick," continued Isham. "Our pediatrician sees children for well child exams. The dental staff does a lot of preventative services and the doctors do a lot of preventative services. The diabetes trailer is in the back of the facility and they do a lot of education back there. This is a place where people maintain wellness, as well as come when they're sick."

Division of Health Chief Operating Officer Seneca Smith followed and gave a short introduction.

"It's a very exciting event for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health and the Okmulgee Indian Health Center to renovate our facility and we're glad that you are able to be with us today."

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Second Chief Alfred Berryhill gave a short dedication speech.

"You know this is kinda like déjàvu to me, because when I started back working for the tribe, I started at the clinic as the janitor under the direction of Bunny Hill who was the

director at that time," said Berryhill. "Later on I became administrative assistant to Mr. Hill and after he died, Mr. Dale Flannigan was asked to be in charge but I was the one running the clinic."

"When I had to order something on behalf of the clinic, I wanted to order the best for our people. I didn't care if it was a thermometer, I wanted the best thermometer they had," explained Berryhill. "It's always been my wish to put our people first. Sometimes we had people who couldn't understand English very well and I had to come to the clinic and interpret a little bit for them. So, it's a real honor today to speak on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and on behalf of Principal Chief Ellis and to welcome everybody to this ribbon-cutting."

"I know the staff are very proud of their new facility and they have always done the best that they could at serving our people," continued Berryhill. "Now we are going to have an additional doctor to meet those needs, because our patient population keeps growing and growing. Thank you very much for coming. God bless you."

Smith thanked Berryhill and

then went on to note that Ellis was instrumental in the renovation process as well as MCN Executive Director Claude Sumner.

"I want to give special thanks, especially to Chief Ellis because when we began this project, there were some items that we didn't have in this facility and one of his concerns was a radiology department. Before, we were having all our radiology patients walk across the street to OMH. He really emphasized that he would like to see a radiology department in this facility. We worked with Mr. Claude Sumner and Chief Ellis to ensure that we had everything we needed for this facility. Our thanks goes out to them."

National Council Reps. Sam Alexander, Keeper Johnson, David Nichols and Pearl Thomas each spoke briefly on the expanded facility and its importance to the Muscogee Nation.

Isham then assisted with the ribbon-cutting and attendees were invited inside for cake, punch and to participate in a staff-led tour of the newly-renovated clinic.

"We've more than doubled our patient room size from four to nine rooms and have added a nurses' work

station, employee room, offices, patient waiting room and radiology department," said Jeremy Fairres, Okmulgee Health Clinic Facilities. "The waiting room can seat around 50 people and has a wall of windows on the south wall, near the entrance to let in the natural light. We can also counsel patients in-house in our newly renovated offices and have newly remodeled patient intake areas and reception areas."

The staff is considering dedicating select exam rooms for obs/gyn, family care, etc. With nine exam rooms for staffers to utilize, the flow should be easier through the facility,

according to Fairres.

"We are better equipped to handle patients and meet their needs. We will do all we can to give our patients a great experience here at the clinic," Fairres stated.

"We've just given the place a face lift in addition to the new area and we're very glad to have the clinic renovation complete," said Fairres. "We have some finishing details in pediatrics, but other than that, we're eager for our patients to come in and see the great strides this facility has made."

For more information on OIHC, please call (918) 758-2717.



MNN/Melodie Reader

The Okmulgee Indian Health Clinic renovations are now complete with the cutting of the ribbon at the grand re-opening held on-site Nov. 3, 2010 in Okmulgee.

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MCN recognized National Diabetes Month with 'super strides' in health care

Johnnie Brasuell
MCN Diabetes Coordinator

OKMULGEE — Earlier this month, the Centers for Disease Control published a report that stated, "by 2050, one of three adults in the U.S could have type 2 diabetes" This was shocking to most Americans who are less aware of the increasing epidemic than we are as Native Americans. Three tribes in Oklahoma, studied by the Strong Heart Study, showed 40% to 70% of adults over 40 years old have diabetes. Hopefully, this news will bring more resources to our efforts to reduce the onset and improve the outcomes of diabetes.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health continues to bring grant and tribal resources to bear on diabetes prevention and care. The following graphs show how effective some of our programs have been.

Preventing the onset of diabetes: Type 2 diabetes can be prevented by increasing daily exercise, like walking, to 150 minutes a week and by losing 7% of body weight.

About 2000 students in seventeen elementary schools participated in the MCN "Move It and Prevent Diabetes" program this year. One in three of the 2010 participants improved their

weight.

With each year of the program, more and more of the Nene Hvkoce Walking Program participants are becoming "Super Striders". This means they walked 60 minutes 5 days a week in the 6-month program. Walking paid

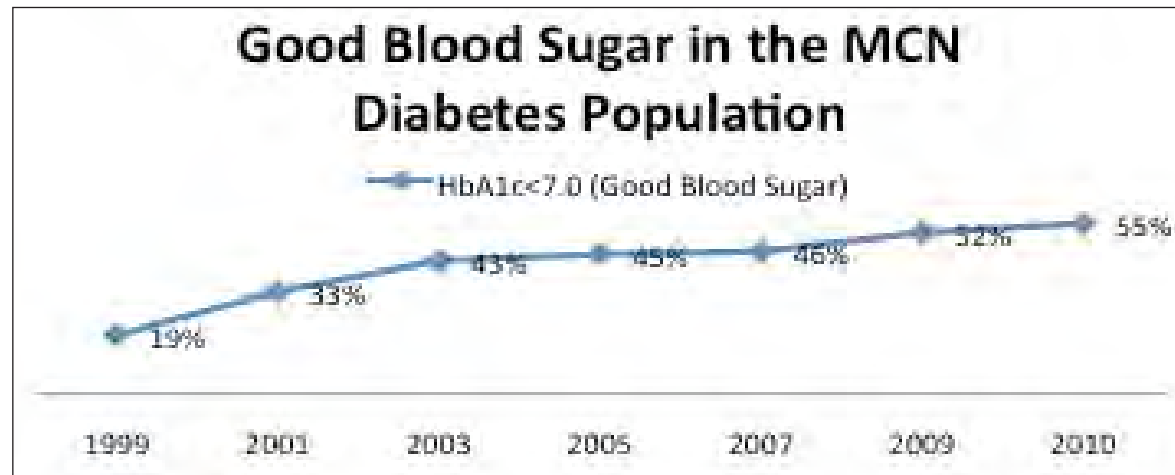
Diabetes Self-Management Education can make a difference in patients' home and clinic care. The MCN's program, "Educating Partners in Care" (EPIC) has helped patients improve their healthy behaviors in 2010 and this has proven true for the past 10 years.

complete the EPIC program. Preliminary data in 2010, showed that the advantages of the EPIC program may be long lasting. We reviewed the blood sugar of 62 persons with new diagnosis in 2008 twelve to eighteen months later. The results showed that persons

a greater portion of the total MCN diabetes population have improved their blood sugar control. In the past three years more than one half of patients seen in MCN Clinics for their diabetes have been in good control.

MCN is making good progress in its fight to improve the odds with one of the greatest disease challenges we have faced as a nation. We have come a long way and feel some success. We need to do much more, however, to prevent the onset of diabetes and to address diabetes early in the course of the disease.

I believe the efforts we make in the Division of Health will be like swimming up stream until most Creek citizens join us in this effort. It will require the thinking and actions of most of us as individuals, families, communities and tribe to make this a reality for Creek Nation. You have shown at all these levels you are ready to begin and continue. Your leadership by choosing healthy behaviors in your daily life and by promoting healthy choices in the broader community are immensely important and essential for winning the challenge diabetes places before us.



off in weight loss as 59% of the walkers lost weight.

Of the 62 elders participating in the Vculvke PRIDE program, 98% walked 150 minutes a week during the five-month program.

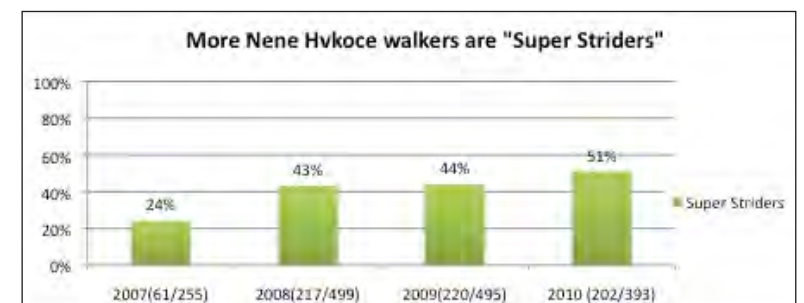
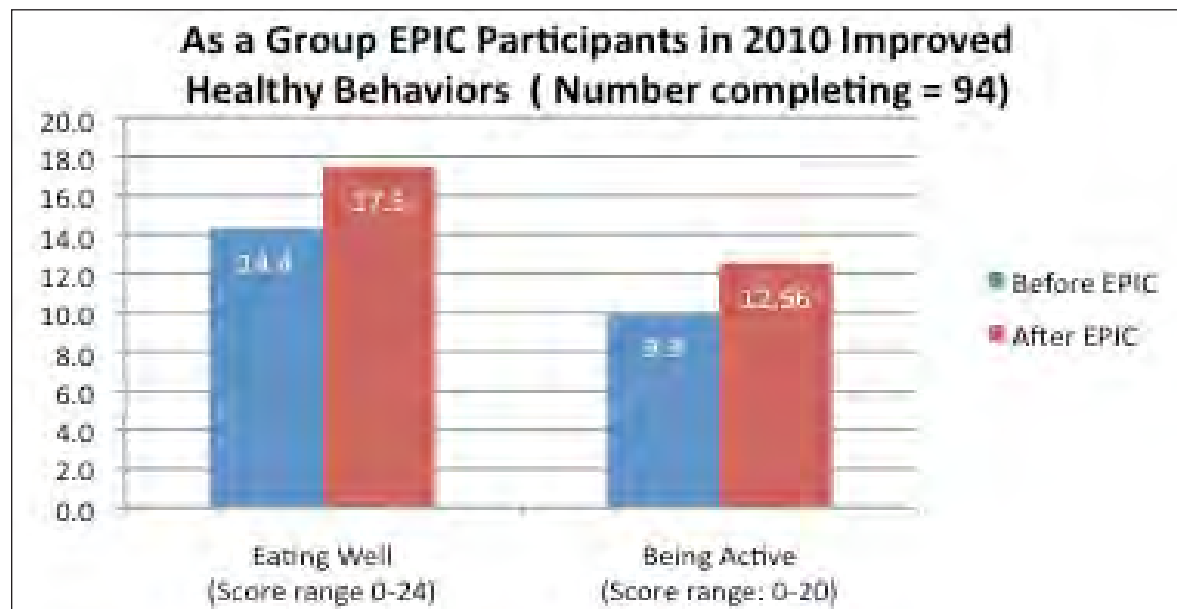
Elders also use elastic bands to improve their strength.

Diabetes education also improves clinical measures. A greater percentage of EPIC participants achieved good control of their blood sugar and blood pressure after completing EPIC.

Long term effects of EPIC: Persons with new onset diabetes do better 12 to 18 months after diagnosis if they

who did not attend EPIC and those with partial EPIC continued to do better than they were at diagnosis. However, they did not do as well as those who completed EPIC, 89% of whom were still in good control.

Clinical Care: MCN clinics provide standard diabetes care. Every year





NEW YEAR'S EVE BINGO SESSION

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BINGO NITE OWL SESSION

(10:30 PM)

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(4:00 PM - MIDNIGHT)

Players earn a drawing ticket with a RED flush hand on Ultimate Texas Holdem or 3 Card Poker or a RED Blackjack. Drawings every hour for prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500.

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(2:00 PM)

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(4:00 PM - CLOSE)

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CMN receives Trail of Tears Corridor Association scholarship

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Muscogee (Creek) Nation Second Chief Alfred Berryhill presented College of the Muscogee Nation President Robert Bible and Dean of Academic Affairs Angela Bunner a \$1,000 scholarship check from the Trail of Tears Corridor Association on Tues., Nov. 2, 2010 at the CMN Offices in Okmulgee, Okla.

The Tennessee based TOTCA offers scholarships to schools within their area, but the CMN is the only tribal school supported by the group, according to Bunner.

Bunner also stated that the CMN has received this scholarship since 2006 and is grateful for all of their support.

"As the Dean of Academic Affairs, it is always with great pleasure to accept the Trail of Tears Scholarship on behalf of CMN. The TOT Corridor Association has always been very supportive and encouraging for the CMN community," said Bunner. "Many of our students are first generation, non-traditional college students. They are often faced with the double duty of seeking balance between their personal academic life while facing financial and academic challenges. To be recognized for their efforts with a TOT Scholarship often helps them to begin their college career with a first-rate start and helps to set them up to succeed academically."

Bible thanked the TOTCA for their support as Second Chief Berryhill presented the scholarship.

"The staff and faculty of the College of the Muscogee Nation (CMN) would like to thank the Trail of Tears Remembrance Association for their continued support of the college," said Bible. "Every year, beginning in 2006, they have provided a scholarship for our students. This continual support is an inspiration to both the students and staff/faculty of CMN because it



MNN/Melodie Reader

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Second Chief Alfred Berryhill and College of the Muscogee Nation President Robert Bible were present to receive the \$1,000 scholarship from the Trail of Tears Corridor Association in Nov.

reminds us daily that the citizenship of Muscogee Nation is helping prepare for the future by providing excellent education."

Bunner has participated in the 688-mile ride every year since 2007 from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Tahlequah, Okla., and enjoys supporting students and bringing awareness to the TOTCA.

"It's a pretty emotional and awesome experience. It warms my heart to know there are so many people out there who care enough about the history of the Trail of Tears and wish to bring awareness of it by participating in this bike ride," said Bunner. "The ride follows one of the trails used in the 1838 removal of American Indians from their homelands in the Southeast. The TOTCA use this ride as an opportunity to educate the public about the Trail of Tears Removal Act of 1838. As a way to demonstrate my support and appreciation for the TOTCA, I have participated in this ride since 2007."

CMN Registrar, Crystal Bowles stated that a number of students utilize financial aid through many different

entities as they attend college. CMN students are no exception.

"Many students would not be able to attend college without significant financial aid and this is true at CMN. Eighty-seven percent of CMN students receive CMN financial aid," said Bowles. "For some, the ability to attend college is an emotional subject because they recognize that without assistance from CMN and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN), they would not have a higher education experience."

"The College of the Muscogee Nation (CMN) has a 2010 Fall enrollment of 221 students. Of those, 193 students are enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens and 25 are enrolled citizens of a federally recognized tribe," continued Bowles. "The CMN Scholarship, for Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens, and the CMN Tuition Waiver/Grant, for enrolled citizens of federally recognized tribes, in addition to Federal Financial Aid and other grants and scholarships help pay for tuition, fees, text books, school supplies, on-campus housing, meal plans, and other CMN Educational fees."

MCN tribal citizen, Tania Walker, the first CMN recipient of the scholarship, was honored to receive it in 2006.

"If it had not been for the Trail of Tears Scholarship along with other scholarships, I would not have been able to receive my higher education nor my degree," said Walker. "I graduated in the summer of 2008 with an AS in Tribal Services and in December with an AS in Elementary Education. I am continuing my degree in Education with OSU-Tulsa in the spring. I am currently employed with the CMN as secretary. I enjoy going to work every day, not only as a graduate, but as a citizen who is finally able to help as many citizens (Creek and non-Creek) to receive higher education and more importantly a degree through our Nation with the CMN."

"CMN and MCN financial assistance is indeed a valuable gift that makes it possible to attend college," said Bowles. "Education is a reward for a lifetime."

For more information on The College of Muscogee Nation, please call (918) 758-1480.

CMN dedication set for Dec. 17

Media Release

College of the Muscogee Nation

OKMULGEE — Mvskoke

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The College of the Muscogee Nation's Board of Regents and President Robert Bible invite the people of the Muscogee Nation to celebrate the completion of the Tribal College's inaugural building with a Dedication Ceremony and Open House on Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 at 2 p.m.

The new building, located at 1200 Highway Loop 56 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, will launch the identity of the College of the Muscogee Nation, and your presence is requested and will be honored. Open to the public for the first time, the building has eight classrooms, a library, computer lab, administrative and faculty offices, and conference room - all heated and cooled by a geothermal system. Design and decoration of Mvskoke cultural significance are incorporated throughout.

The program includes remarks by notable speakers, placement of a time capsule, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, open house, and tours of the building.

For information, call (918) 758-1480 or log on at www.mvsktc.org

FEATURES

SECTION B

December 1, 2010 Edition

‘Wind Runners’ are ready

• Emergency Management reminds citizens to be prepared

Media Release*MCN Emergency Management*

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Emergency Response Team, “Wind Runners” are busy preparing for the upcoming winter weather season. The Wind Runners were formed under the direction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Emergency Management one year ago. All members are employees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Wind Runners have been trained in first aid, CPR and the use of an AED as well as emergency shelter operations, search and rescue, and swift-water rescue.

James Nichols, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Emergency Manager states, “Our team is very dedicated to helping the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and citizens that live within our jurisdiction. Our team is willing to work with local, state and county emergency management teams in times of disaster or emergency. Our goal is to respond in a timely manner to any and all disasters or emergencies that affect our tribal citizens as well as respond when requested by other agencies. Oklahoma has been prone to severe winter weather and at this time of the year we are gearing up to face it head on, no matter what Mother Nature hits us with.”

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has utilized local community centers as shelters in the past years and plans on doing so this year. “We have 10

**MCN**Public Relations

Pictured above are the Wind Runners, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation emergency response team. These volunteers are trained to handle emergency situations which may arise due to inclement winter weather this year.

different locations throughout our jurisdiction that we can use as shelters if needed. The community members have worked well with us over the past few years and we continue to move forward on our shelter operations. The 10 sites include Sapulpa, Tulsa, Bristow, Koweta, Weleetka, Wetumka, Muscogee, Checotah, Eufaula and Okmulgee. All 10 sites have been fitted with automatic transfer switches that allow our department to bring in one of four mobile generators and hook them up so that the whole facility has power. This allows us to keep people warm and have a place to sleep and eat.”

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Emergency Management Department and Response Team wants people to start thinking and preparing for this year’s winter weather.

Tips include: Having a plan and know what you are going to do in case you lose power this winter. Making sure supplies such as flashlights, batteries, water, food, extra blankets, etc., are available. Remember also that if you lose power and decide to run a generator, it should be kept outside and well ventilated. The use of candles inside the home is also discouraged. For more information and winter preparedness tips, visit www.FEMA.gov.

Thlopthlocco officer elections set for Jan. 29

Media Release*Thlopthlocco Tribal Town*

THLOPTHLOCCO — The Tribal Election Committee of Thlopthlocco Tribal Town will be taking nominations of candidates for the 2011 election of Business Committee Officers positions of Tribal Town King (Mekko), two Warriors, Secretary and Treasurer.

The dates and times are as follows: Dec. 2, 2010 - 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 3, 2010 - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 4, 2010 - 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

This event will take place at the Tribal Town’s Election Committee office. Candidates must be enrolled members of Thlopthlocco Tribal Town and 21 years of age by Jan. 29, 2011. A filing fee of \$200.00 must be paid with a cashier check or money order for each office.

A list of eligible voters will be posted at three places at the complex on Dec. 30, 2010. For more information, please call (918) 560-6198.

MFSI secures new location in downtown Okmulgee

Media Release*Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative*

OKMULGEE — Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative would like to thank all the guests visiting us at our new location in downtown Okmulgee.

It was a privilege to get to know our community citizens who are farmers, ranchers and interested in MFSI. With the turn out, we were able to make new connections and it gave the public the opportunity to meet the staff. Guests feasted on healthy organic food and freshly picked produce.

Educational films were shown throughout the day. MFSI

would like to thank KOKL and MCN Communications Department for the publicity that made our grand opening a success! Please check our web site for upcoming events, trainings, workshops, or to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

We have information in our resource center and a small gift shop. Business hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. MFSI is located at 100 East 7th Suite 101 in the Kress Building next to KOKL. We look forward to meeting you! For more information, please call the MFSI office at (918) 756 - 5915.

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And Still the Waters Run: A Major Discovery

George Windes
CMCA Historian

YORBA LINDA, Calif. — The local family history buffs were impatient. The basement vault of the old Monroe County (Ala.) museum, which contains the earliest records of the county, had been off limits for nearly a year. The LDS (Mormon) church had been filming the old files and photographs. The librarians didn't want their effort interrupted. When completely, if the museum ever burnt, an important duplicate of everything would be available in the Salt Lake City church archives.

Finally, word went out that on Oct. 1, 2010 researchers would be allowed again, closely supervised by museum docents. Especially gleeful

with the news were members of the SE Muscogee Descendants, folks who have roots back into their Indian heritage with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, which was largely forced in 1835 to Indian Territory (Oklahoma). Some families hid in the Southeast and never made the terrible march.

Today they have organized to celebrate our culture within our original tribal boundaries.

Although I couldn't be there in person, my thoughts were there vicariously. I posted that any discoveries regarding the William Weatherford (Red Eagle) Family would very much be appreciated. I sent affirmations in their direction. My own family in-

cludes the Weatherford, Stiggins and Howell surnames. I waited patiently for word to come.

That evening was busy, but I got on my computer about 9:30 p.m. There was an e-mail from Patti Hall. She's one of our "Muscogee Descendants," a wonderful qualified researcher, always willing to share her discoveries. Genealogy is built around the concept of sharing things, data, photos and stories. The vault of the museum was "frostbite" cold I was told, but in a lateral file, she had made a 'hot' discovery.

I was thunderstruck with what I saw on my computer. I was looking at two ancient photos (over 130 years old), of my great grandmother's brother, Scott Howell, and his bride, Salina Lowe. A handwritten note gave scarce information, but confirmed what little we knew. I wanted to start calling relatives, but being on the West Coast, it was a tad late in some places. My twin brother got his call at 8 a.m., the following morning.

Scott Howell had traveled with his best friend, Frank Chapman to Indian Territory around the year 1873. They lived and worked in North Fork Town in McIntosh County. Before long, Scott met Salina Lowe, said to be a schoolmarm in town. She came from a prominent Creek family. Scott married Salina circa 1875, and his buddy Frank Chapman married her sister, Polly Ann Lowe, about the same time (perhaps a duel wedding).

I have told much of this story before, in my column entitled 'Brush Hill Odyssey'. I must share these old photographs though. Just what were they doing in far off Alabama? Regardless, they are a view into our past and a treasure to descendants. Scott and Salina had two children, Leroy (Lee), born 1878, and Joanna (Annie), born 1881. Lee married Addie Collins. Anna married Santa Ana Watson. You can read about him in my article, 'Gunfight at Spokogee'. After Scott's death,

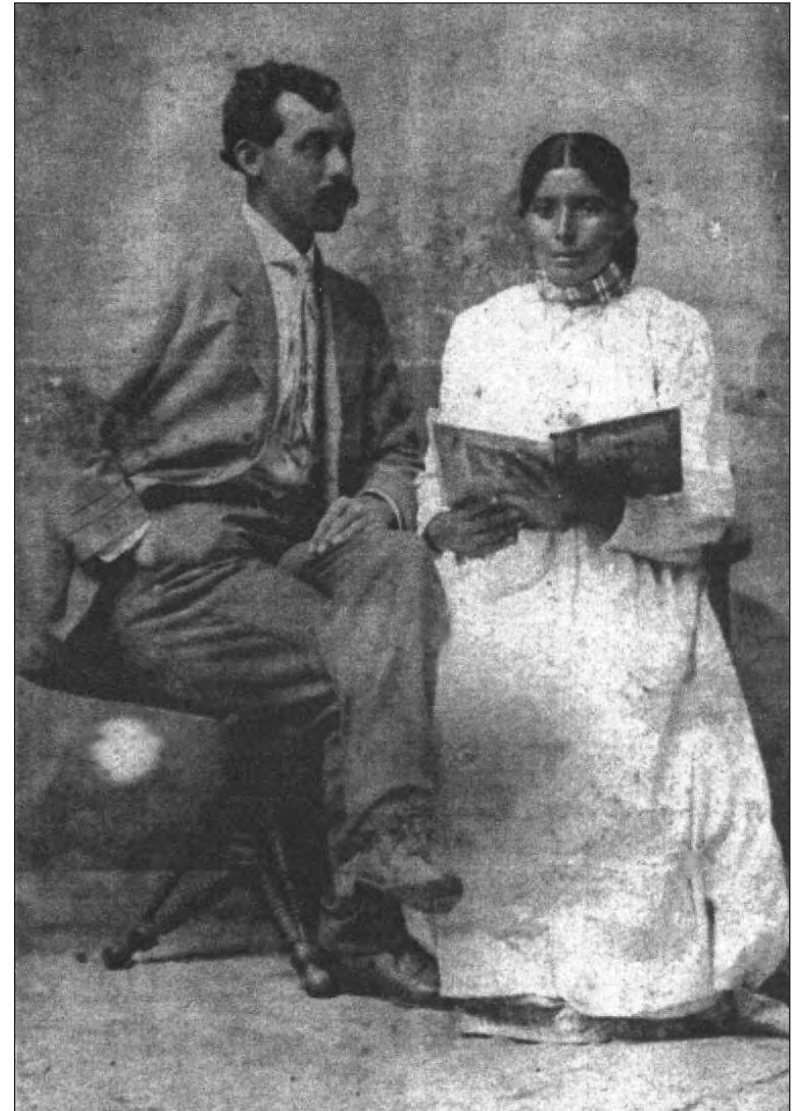


Photo courtesy of George Windes

These photos of Scott and Salina Howell were taken over 130 years ago.

Salina married Rev. John McIntosh and had three more children. They were Elizabeth, Jeanetta, and the Rev. Jobe McIntosh.

Scott died a few weeks prior to his daughter's birth in 1881, kicked in the head by a mule. Salina died in about 1891. They are buried together at the Lowe family cemetery within Fountainhead Park, near Eufaula, Okla. They have no stones, though there is a tall stone for Salina's mother, Abbie (Goodin) Lowe (1824-1913).

As I was completing this article, I learned that Monica, wife of a National Rep. David Hall, donated the photos to the museum while researching there

last year. Scott and Salina were the grandparents of her grandfather Tom Watson. How wonderful it is, when our people go out of their way to leave a 'welcoming trail' for those who follow along. It is the way of Muscogee Creeks and true genealogists. Mvto!

Windes has been an active member of the California Muscogee Creek Association for a decade and is serving on the Board as historian. He may be reached at: georgewindes@gmail.com



CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Food sale and bingo

OKMULGEE — A food sale and bingo will be held at the MCN Elderly Nutrition Center located behind the Housing Building on Sat., Jan. 8, 2011. Food sale will begin at 1 p.m., with bingo games following at 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact Billy at (405) 452 - 3803.

MCN Communications now booking senior portraits

OKMULGEE — The MCN Photography Department offers nice quality photos for citizens at an affordable price. Senior Pictures and Family Portraits are available in-studio or on-location throughout the Creek Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

For more information or to

schedule an appointment, please contact Mallory Bible at (918) 732-7639.

Native American Awareness Expo

PARKER, Texas — The DFW Native American Chamber of Commerce will host the Native American Awareness Expo on Dec. 2, 2010 at the famous Southfork Ranch located at 3700 Hogge Rd., in Parker, Tex.

The free event will be held from 1 - 9 p.m. Tribal nations are partnering with the DFWNACC to bring better access to tribal resources and information to members living within the DFW metroplex. Topics include: Tribal Enrollment, Language Programs, Health Information, Housing, Education, Social Services, Corpo-

rate Booths, Arts & Crafts along with entertainment in the form of Tribal Dancers, Bear Claw Drum Group and a Live Auction.

For more information, please e-mail jstevenson@dfwnacc.org or call 972-422-9192 or 214-876-4519.

Flea market set for Dec. 10 at tribal complex

OKMULGEE — a flea market held at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Human Development Conference Room beginning at 8 a.m., Friday, Dec. 10, 2010.

Shoppers may buy, sell or trade items. Vendors will sell blankets, hand sewn items, jewelry, arts and crafts, paintings, clothing, DVDs, CDs, misc., household items, baked goods, shoes and homemade fried pies.

Fresh breakfast and lunch items will also be available for purchase on-site. For more information, please contact Courtney Josie at (918) 732 - 7747 or KoKo Lowe (918) 732 - 7724.

MFSI 3rd Annual Food Sovereignty Symposium

OKMULGEE — The Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative will host their third annual Food Sovereignty Symposium Feb. 18 - 19, 2011. This event is free and open to all.

Program details may be obtained at MFSI 208 W. 6th Street, Okmulgee, Okla., or call (918) 756-5915 or e-mail mvskokefood@gmail.com

2011 Challenge Bowl now recruiting volunteers

TULSA — 2011 Challenge Bowl volunteers are needed. Team registration deadline is Jan. 3, 2011.

For more information Please contact Melinda Deeringwater at (918) 549-2521.

Higher Education Spring Deadline

OKMULGEE — The Creek Nation Higher Education Program is accepting applications for Spring

enrollment. The Deadline is December 15, 2010. For more information, please call Human Development at (918) 732-7727.

Tribal complex closings

OKMULGEE — The Tribal Complex will be closed Dec. 23-24, 2010 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Offices will also be closed Jan. 30-31, 2011 for New Year's Day.

Mvskoke Language CDs

OKMULGEE — The Mvskoke Language Program has a 9-CD set containing over 600 Mvskoke words and phrases for \$15. An additional CD ROM containing all of the audio including the written Mvskoke words and phrases is available for \$5.

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Editor's note: Please submit contact information for all community calendar events.

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Creek hunter is right on target



Photo Courtesy/Walker Family

Pictured above is Aron Walker, front, surrounded by family and friends. Walker shows off a buck, which he bagged on a hunt in Michigan.

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

BITELY, Mich., — Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen, Aron Walker participated in a deer hunt the week of Aug. 25, 2010 in Bitely, Mich., on the famous Legends Ranch owned by Skipper and Colby Bettis. What makes this hunter unique is that 14-year-old Walker is in a wheelchair due to spina bifida, or curvature of the spine. The Legends Ranch offers participation in this hunt to eight disabled children annually.

Accompanying Walker on his trip were his grandmother Bonnie Dodson, cousin William Frye, host of Outdoor Oklahoma on OETA Todd Craighead, driver Duane Campbell and professional hunting guide from Pennsylvania Michael Ross.

Also, at the beginning of the hunt Legends Ranch, Quest Ministries and other national sponsors provided each child with approximately \$500 worth of personalized hunting gear. The gifts

included three sets of hunting clothes, muck boots, scent bag, hunting knife and binoculars - all in a scent bag with each child's name embroidered on it.

During the hunt, Walker was able to take down a doe and a large buck. The buck mount will be sent to him in about six months after it is finished by taxidermists in Mich.

"The meat from the deer hunt in Michigan was donated to an area food bank," said Frye.

"There is no way we could afford this," said Dodson. "Eight different boys or girls are chosen once a year to go on this hunt and we're very lucky that Aron was chosen to go."

Todd Craighead, host of Outdoor Oklahoma, selected Walker to participate in the Michigan hunt.

"I selected Aron, because he was enthusiastic about hunting and I thought he would really enjoy it," said Craighead. "I do this for myself,

with help from my friends, Skipper and Colby Bettis. They have a great ranch, which is full of wildlife. They started this program and asked me to recommend a disabled child. I've been doing this for 10 years and really enjoy it. This is not part of my show, it's something I do on my own time, to be 'that person' someone was to me when I was little."

"He's a really wonderful guy," said Dodson of Craighead. "I can't give him enough pats on the back to thank him for this. We really appreciate it and Aron loved it."

"I loved hunting the deer and meeting the kids," said Walker. "It was lots of fun!"

"It was amazing, peaceful and calming," said Dodson. "Everywhere

we turned, they treated us like royalty."

"Of the children who participated, four were in wheelchairs," explained Craighead. "They select eight disabled boys or girls from across the country, all expenses paid. It's a great experience for disabled children. When you enter Legends Ranch, you leave the rest of the world outside, it is so magical."

"I've been a part of a lot of kids lives," continued Craighead. "I've been a part of their first successful hunt and it never gets old. Every hunt is a different experience. The fun is the first time we sit in the woods in a blind, it gets light enough to see, the story starts to play out and the deer start to come out, it's almost like a 7-year-old first

walking into Walt Disney World."

On a guided spring turkey hunt in northwestern Okla., the then 13-year-old Walker, killed three turkeys in one shot. He also participated in another hunt in Fairview, Okla., this past Oct.

"When Aron was about four years old, he started hunting with his older cousin, Will," said Dodson. "This Oct., he went on a really nice hunt through Oklahoma Outdoor Outreach. There were 20 other kids hunting there with him. They stayed at the Fairfax Community Center and then went hunting with their guides."

Walker is home-schooled and lives in Salem, Okla. He has an older brother, Jake and a one-year-old Makayla. In addition to hunting, Aron also enjoys fishing.

"I've been doing this for 10 years and really enjoy it. This is not part of my show, it's something I do on my own time, to be 'that person' someone was to me when I was little."

-Todd Craighead, Outdoor Oklahoma Host

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Cynthia Tainpeah Muscogee Creek Nation

Challenge Bowl seeks volunteers

Media Release

MCN Johnson O'Malley Program

OKMULGEE — The 2010-2011 Muscogee (Creek) Nation Challenge Bowl will be held the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Multipurpose Center located on the Claude Cox Omniplex in Okmulgee.

Students from public schools, churches, communities, ceremonial grounds and tribal towns are invited to participate.

The dates for the competition are: High School - Feb. 3, 2011, Middle School - Feb. 10, 2010 and Elementary - Feb. 17, 2011. Deadline for registration is Jan. 3, 2011.

The purpose of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Challenge Bowl promotes learning about Creek culture, history, government and language using traditional values of brotherhood as the foundation.

The Challenge Bowl was never set up to teach our children how to win in competitions but how to learn, share and be grateful to those willing to teach them.

The Challenge Bowl Committee has set out to have a competition unlike any other academic bowl in the nation. The Challenge Bowl Committee made a commitment to set by example, positive role models in good citizenship and tribal pride that would carry on throughout the year and not just during the few days of competition.

We set out to teach life skills of good manners, respect shown to others, self worth and to show honor in defeat while playing for the love of learning and not just to win a trophy or medal.

For more information contact Joe Martel at (918) 732-7841 or to download the registration form go to www.muscogeenationnsn.gov and click on the Challenge Bowl link!

MCN Head Start serves over 350 families in 2009-2010

Media Release

MCN Head Start

OKMULGEE — In compliance with the Head Start Act of 2007, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start Program is required to make available results of the most recent report for programs. The following information details the services provided including families served, instruction methods and demographics reported for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The mission of the program is to provide a high-quality, comprehensive Early Childhood Program for children and families through parental, staff, community and tribal involvement. Goals include helping both children and families succeed and become stronger.

It is the policy of Muscogee Creek Nation Head Start to recruit and serve those children residing within the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. MCN Head Start serves to increase the educational readiness and social competence of 3-5 year old children and their families.

Embedded in our philosophy is a safe, trusting learning environment, which nurtures language development, approaches to learning, physical health and development, as appropriate to each child's developmental and family's diverse strengths and needs.

The program strives to design learning experiences for children that include initiative and curiosity, engagement and persistence, reasoning, problem solving in such a way as to meet a variety of learning styles, and is responsive to children's individual temperament.

The Muscogee Creek Nation Head Start is funded through the Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Head Start and is funded to serve 289 children. The Muscogee

Creek Nation Head Start program has seven centers located at Checotah, Eufaula, Okemah, Okmulgee, Tulsa, Wetwnka, and Yardeka.

In addition, there are two classrooms under collaboration with the Eufaula Public School and Sowin' Seeds Child Care Center.

For the school period, 2009-2010, services were provided to 353 children and families. Children who left the program were replaced by those on a waiting list and replaced within 30 days. The average daily attendance was 85 percent overall.

Of these children served, 203 children were three years old and ISO were four years old; 245 children and families had income below 100 percent of the federal poverty line, 37 children

and families received public assistance, 14 children were in foster homes, eight were considered as homeless, and 49 children were enrolled as over-income families.

A reported 72 percent of children participating were Native Americans, 20 percent were Caucasian, two percent were African-American, another two percent were Hispanic, and four percent were identified as Asian or biracial.

Efforts to prepare children for Kindergarten begin as soon as a child is enrolled at either of the Head Start sites. The center staff, along with the parents, completes the required developmental screens within the first 45 days of attendance, as well as the required medical and dental screenings.

Throughout the program year, our teaching staff implements the researched-based early childhood curriculum of Creative Curriculum.

This curriculum promotes school readiness in the areas of language and cognitive development, early reading and math skills, social-emotional development, physical development, and approaches to learning.

All Head Start sites address the importance of promoting effective transition from our Head Start program to the local education/ public school kindergarten class.

For more information or a copy of the complete report, including the FY2009-2010 program budget, please contact Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start Program at (918) 732 - 7899.



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Beginning

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The Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard presented colors and MCN Chief of Staff Edwin Marshall addressed the crowd with a traditional Creek oratory.

Children from the Muscogee Nation Head Start Program gathered on top of the portico to sing "Jesus Loves Me" in the Mvskoke language.

Kevin Grover of The National Museum of American Indian at the Smithsonian Institute, spoke briefly concerning the story that the Muscogee people have to tell and their ability to reclaim their past, present and future.

"I'm here on behalf of the Smithsonian Institution, the National Museum of the American Indian," said Grover. "The NMAI is really only a few years old, but when we opened our museum in Washington D.C., we created a film for the opening and one of the very few tribes that are featured in that film is the Muscogee Nation. So, it's a particular pleasure to be here today."

"As you all know, the story of the Indian people has, for a very long time, been told by others. These others have done their best to tell our story and yet cannot be truly authentic, cannot be truly correct, unless it's stories that we tell about ourselves," continued Grover. "This is a wonderful time for us. Native America, Native nations have a glorious past, a very vibrant present and a wonderful future. Part of that future is going to be about reclaiming our names, reclaiming our places, reclaiming our history and telling it for ourselves. So, on behalf of the Smithsonian, I want to thank you for being here today and congratulate the Creek Nation on this great step forward and to wish you the very best in the future."

Ellis gave a welcome speech to those assembled.

"Thank you for being here today. This is a great day for our Nation. It's

a great day for our people," said Ellis. "I would like to recognize Mr. Mike Flud and Mr. Roger Wiley for their work behind the scenes. Thank you very much."

Ellis spoke concerning the U.S. government's efforts to disband, dissolve and deprive the tribes, but the Muscogee peoples' efforts to remain united were stronger than any resolutions put to paper.

"This probably could have happened a long time ago and it really shouldn't have happened at all, but the federal government has always made bad decisions concerning the Native Americans," explained Ellis. "Since 1907, when they took all the property from the tribes and done away with the government, they said that the Indian tribes no longer existed, but they were wrong. We have existed ever since that day. We have existed through our ceremonial grounds, churches and gatherings."

A note of apology for the trials and tribulation was read by Ellis from a U.S. senator.

"I don't accept this apology from a Senator in Kansas," said Ellis. "I think our President sent a hired man to do his work. Until the President of the United States stands before all America and apologizes to the Indian people, I cannot accept his apology."

MCN Second Chief Alfred Berryhill also spoke at this momentous occasion.

"It is both an honor and privilege to welcome you today as we celebrate the reacquisition of our Creek Council House," said Berryhill. "We, as Muscogee (Creek) citizens, need to value the importance of this historic day. This is an important day in tribal history as we regain an important seat of our nations government. Many of our forefathers worked to build this building, so it not only houses our history, it contains the very heart of our grandparents. Some of us still remember the days when you could pass by the Council House and sit and visit with each other on

the benches outside. While inside, the House of Kings and the House of Warriors debated important matters of tribal government. Let us forever be grateful for this most precious piece of our heritage."

Barnett spoke to the crown in Mvskoke and recognized the members of the MCN National Council.

Dignitaries from Alabama, Duck Creek, Green Leaf, Hickory Ground, Arbeka, Ofuskgee, Hillaabee, Kellyville/Polecat and Tallahassee ceremonial grounds, along with Thlopthlocco, Kialegee and Alabama Quassarte Tribal Towns, Modoc Tribe, Shawnee Tribe, former Muscogee tribal executive officers, MCN Gaming Commission, Okmulgee Mayor, Okmulgee City Manager as well as State Representatives and Senators were recognized.

The Native American Student Association of the College of the Muscogee Nation sang two traditional songs in Mvskoke and a dismissal song to conclude.

Priegel and Ellis gathered on the portico signed the contract amid much aplomb.

"Alright, put your hands together," exclaimed Ball. "It's a done deal!"

Applause erupted from the crowd.

"I think its a big day for the Creek Nation," said Priegel. "It can't do anything but enhance the community and have a new opportunity and another challenge. It will just be a good day for everybody."

MCN National Council Tulsa Dist. Rep., Seat D Sam Alexander gave a closing song and prayer.

Barnett enjoyed the celebration and looks forward to the National Council holding future meetings in the Creek Council House.

"I think the celebration went great today. I don't think there was anything better that we could ask of our citizens in participation. I'm just overwhelmed by this today," said Barnett.

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“I am very excited to ,in the future, come down and hold other council meetings down here. Any meetings that the council could participate in here, we’re looking forward to it.”

Those in attendance enjoyed the ceremony.

“Oh, I loved it. It was just like coming home,” said attendee and citizen Billie Scott. “It made me realize how much hard work it took to get here. I’m thankful for all my ancestors who endured.”

Many agreed that as children, they played on the grounds and the realization of the significance of the event hasn’t quite hit them yet.

“It’s one of the most important things in my lifetime, that’s happened to the Nation,” said Ellis. “It’s just emotional. It will probably hit me when I get home.”

Alexander agreed and explained as a small child he played on the grounds while his family either participated in the meetings inside or visited with others outside.

“My uncle was the vice-chief and my dad was down here helping. I don’t think my dad had an official position with the tribe but he was here all the time and he brought me here. When the meetings were going on, they wouldn’t let me go in there. The told us to go outside and play. A time or two, I’d come down here with him when there was no meeting and he’d let me romp around in there, but I felt unworthy of going into that building until I was 30 years old,” said Alexander. “So, this is a very special day.”

“When I first got on the council, I told them we were going to get this building back while I am here. They said ‘How ya going to do that?’ and very crudely we cut off the city of Okmulgee with money and told them why we were doing it. It took a couple of years to tighten the screws enough to where they would accept and to do this. We probably gave way too much for this building, but to some of us, money doesn’t matter,” Alexander continued.

Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation



Tusa Beaver and Junior Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ashleigh Johnson were very excited about this historic event.

“This is amazing,” said Beaver. “I always came here when I was little, thinking, ‘wow, this is historic.’ Today it’s coming back to us, it’s ours now. It used to be ours and now it’s ours, in the present. It’s an amazing thing.”

“I just feel excited for the nation,” said Johnson. “A piece of our history has come back to us. Our ancestors were here; it’s where they held their meetings. Whenever the council held their meeting today, it was like a landmark into where we are going.”

Former Principal Chief and Okmulgee Dist. Rep. Bill Fife remembers spending days as a youth at the council house visiting with family and friends.

“I can remember running around in this yard when I was little,” said Fife. “My father was up there as a resolution writer, so all the elderly when they wanted to stay and visit,

this is where it happened. So, it’s got a little personal history, from a family perspective. It’s a great day. This is where we can come together and set aside any differences, which is what’s really unique about this day.”

Founder and President of the California Muscogee Creek Association Eli Grayson spoke concerning how the Nation can expand and invest in the area.

“I think this is a good start for the Muscogee people to invest in downtown Okmulgee,” said Grayson. “There is a building right across the street that would make a great Muscogee School of Art. Investing in our citizens, in the heart of the city, would be a great start.”

Attendee and Creek citizen Alex is Crosley hopes to see this building standing for future generations.

“This is a great, eventful day for the Creek Nation,” said Crosley. “I am very proud to be part of it and I hope to see it 100 years from now.”

Creek Council House time line

- 1878: The Muscogee (Creek) Council meets for the first time in the new Council House in Okmulgee, Okla. It replaced the former capitol building, as two-story log structure.
- 1907: The Council House is leased to Okmulgee County for \$2,000 a year to be used as the Okmulgee County Courthouse.
- 1919: City of Okmulgee purchases the Council House and grounds under the supervision of the U. S. Department of Interior, which was authorized to take possession of all tribal lands.
- 1923: The Creek Indian Memorial Association, the predecessor of the Creek Council House Museum, is formed.
- 1930s-1960s: The Council House houses several groups and organizations, including the Okmulgee County Sheriff’s Office, Boy Scouts, YMCA and Creek Indian Memorial Association.
- 1971: Council House becomes a Muscogee (Creek) Museum full-time.
- 1992: \$1 million restoration of the Council House is completed.
- 2010: The City of Okmulgee sells back the Council House and grounds to the tribe for \$3.2 million.



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2010 OIHC Pink Party

• Fighting Breast Cancer Nov. 17, 2010

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Okmulgee Indian Health Center Women's Clinic hosted the 8th annual 'Pink Party' "Fighting Breast Cancer Through Education" on Nov. 17, 2010 at Covelle Hall located on the OSU Okmulgee Campus.

Nelson "Scotty" Harjo opened the Pink Party with a prayer and traditional flute music, which was followed with a brief welcome by OIHC Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Teri Garner.

OIHC Health Administrator Debra Isham welcomed everyone and introduced Muscogee (Creek) Nation Public Relations Manager Thompson Gouge who gave a brief address about the importance of MCN health services and staff.

"This is a great day of recognition, of what we're all about here at the Muscogee Nation," said Gouge. "We have one of the best health services in the state of Oklahoma. So, let's give all of our health staff that's here a great big hand."

"Without the staff, we would not be able to have the great clinics and great things that we are doing here," continued Gouge. "We are progressing



MNN/Melodie Reader

Pictured above are Pink Party participants at the balloon release, which is part of the annual event festivities for breast cancer awareness.

and that's one of the great things about our nation and the health facilities and the health administration."

Rhonda Beaver spoke on behalf of the Division of Health and recognized the OIHC staff, Pink Party shirt designer Amos Rabbit and all the cancer survivors in attendance.

"One of the goals of the Division of Health is positive patient outcome. Increasing awareness and education

through the 'Pink Party' is one way that we achieve this," said Beaver. "I would like to acknowledge the OIHC staff who work so diligently to plan this event amidst the chaotic renovation. I know all their stuff was packed away. We're pleased that they went forward with this, it is a very important event. So we would like to thank them for the time they took this year to plan. Mvto!"

SEE PARTY - A5

Supreme Court rules; all citizen amendments stand

MCN Supreme Court
Opinion

OKMULGEE — This Court's Dec. 3, 2010 Majority Opinion addresses the arguments raised by the dissenting Justices in their Dec. 7, 2010 "Response." This Majority Opinion is available for any interested party to review, and we encourage them to do so. Therefore, this Court need not address the dissent's arguments.

The Majority Opinion was issued recognizing the criti-

cal need for clarity in this Nation regarding the validity of the legal process by which Amendments were approved in the Nov. 7, 2009 Special Election. Therefore, for clarity purposes, we must address the respective weight interested parties should place on the Majority Opinion and the dissent. In order to do so, we restate that at the time the substantive vote was taken in this case, the vote was 3-2.

SEE OPINION - B3

Legislation prompts objections in criminal filings

Angel Ellis
MNN Editorial Assistant

OKMULGEE — On Nov. 24, 2010, CRF 2010-41 defendant Jeff Fife, filed an "objection to criminal cases proceedings in the District Court with Patrick Moore presiding as judge in light of the establishment of a new criminal court and judge selection process under NCA 10-189."

Court documents reflect that the objection is based on the

virtue of a veto override on Nov. 20, 2010, in which the National Council enacted into law, NCA 10-189, "A Law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Repealing Title 26 in its entirety and creating a New Title 26 Establishing the Criminal Trial Court, Civil Trial Court and Family Trial Court within the Judicial Branch of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation."

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Chief responds to
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John Sloan



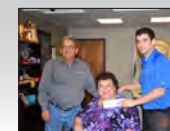
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Chief responds to MCN Supreme Court case 09-10

Media Release

MCN Office of the Principal Chief

OKMULGEE — In answer to the numerous inquiries of citizens regarding the Opinion and Order of the Supreme Court and the subsequent Response filed by three other justices, the Office of the Principal Chief issues the following release:

On Nov. 7, 2009 the citizens of the Nation overwhelming voted to amend the Constitution. Those Amendments are valid unless overturned by the Supreme Court. Three Justices have determined that the Constitutional Amendments were validly enacted. The other three Jus-

tices believe that the Opinion and Order was not proper, but did not comment on the validity of the Constitutional Amendments. Therefore, the Constitutional Amendments as voted on by the people remain valid and in full force and effect!

- Principal Chief A.D. Ellis

Retraction to 'Reclaiming Our Past'

Rebecca Landsberry
MNN Editor

OKMULGEE — In the article 'Reclaiming Our Past: Mucvse vliceetv - a new beginning', Okfuskee District Rep. Bill Fife was misidentified as Okmulgee District Rep., and author of a quote.

Fife's statements should have been attributed to Creek District Rep. George Tiger.

On behalf of the MNN staff, we apologize for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

District Court filings for Oct. 2010

The District Court filings from Oct. 1, 2010 through Oct. 31, 2010 are as follows (continued from Nov.1 edition):

Civil:

OK Finance Services, Inc. v. Rosie Hicks

Small Claims

Divorce:

Remona Pennell v. Walter Pennell

Divorce

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Divorce

Julie Ziriaux v. Christopher Ziriaux

Divorce

Timothy Shirley v. Anita Shirley

Divorce

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Child Support

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Child Support

OCSE, ex rel., Kelli Samuel v. Joseph Frank

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OCSE, ex rel., Jeri Culley v. Roland Roberts

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OCSE, ex rel., Gina Grimes v. Clifton Christopher Hill

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OCSE, ex rel., Joanne Copeland v. Keith Sappington

Child Support

OCSE, ex rel., Erin Vann v. Saudi Rogers

Child Support

OCSE, ex rel., Amethyst Voice v. Jeremy Pestel

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OCSE, ex rel., Sparkel Holloway v. Lonell Knox

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OCSE, ex rel., Talisha Walton v. Gary McVay

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Ex-Parte:

Tonya Inhofe v. Mike Butcher

Ex-Parte

Amye Alvarez v. Thomas Bolden

Ex-Parte

Linda Tenequer v. Richard Crouch

Ex-Parte

Tonya Inhofe v. Merideth Butcher

Ex-Parte

Lisa Tiger v. Gabriel Ramirez

Ex-Parte

Codi Dale v. Mike Little

Ex-Parte

Criminal Misdemeanor:

MCN v. Kerry Guthrie

Ct. 1: Uttering a forged Instrument

MCN v. Dexter McGriff

Ct. 1: Uttering a forged Instrument

MCN v. Shane Crocker

Ct. 1: Criminal Trespass

Criminal Felony:

MCN v. Bobbie Bowlin

Ct. 1: Poss. of CDS

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Letter from MNN Editor:

OKMULGEE — Estonko, Mvskokes!

I hope this time of year finds you in good spirits, no matter what or how you celebrate. For me, it's about spending time with family and friends and garish holiday sweaters, of course.

The end of the year always provides an opportunity for reflection and areas of my life that can be improved upon.

After all the ham, pie and grandma's tabouli, I start to think about those commitments I should be taking more seriously throughout the year. Wellness is something we often take for granted when we have it and I should be more proactive in my efforts to make my health a priority.

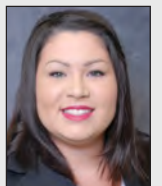
My roommate recently got a Wii Fit and there is an assessment at the beginning of each session that tests balance. It's a great way to target areas that need more improvement. I'm a bit wobbly most days, but every once in a while, I get lucky and I get a "perfectly balanced" report. I like to savor these little victories because it lets me know I'm making progress.

Maybe Santa will bring me something that will measure the balance in all aspects of my life so I can stay on track this year!

Please enjoy the last MNN of 2010 and mvto for reading!

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Guardianship
of the Person and Estate of
A.S.H.

A Minor Child.

Case No. GD-2010-26
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MUSCOGEE (CREEK)
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MINOR CHILD.

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER

On the 30 day of November 2010, a Petition was filed in this Court for the Appointment of Guardian of the minor child, A.S.H., a minor child born out of wedlock on March 21, 2008, to Annee Rashae Harjo-Deere, so that a guardian can be appointed for said minor child. Said Petition is set for hearing on the 20th day of January 2011 at the hour of 10 o'clock AM before the Honorable Judge Patrick E. Moore in District Court in and for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, located at Highway 75 and Loop 56, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

This action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled to guardianship over the minor child based on abandonment. You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioner and appear at the above scheduled hearing or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of Petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Signed and dated this 30 day of November 2010.

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF:

D.N.; DOB: 07-30-99

Alleged Deprived Child.

Case No.: JV 2003-18

NOTICE OF HEARING and ORDER TO APPEAR

Muscogee (Creek) Nation to: Unknown Father of D.N., DOB: 07-30-99

You are hereby notified that a Termination hearing will be held in the above-styled case for the said child on the 11th day of January, 2011 at 10:00

A.M.

You are ordered to appear at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Capitol Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma at the date and time set.

FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS.

PATRICK E. MOORE
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

In re the marriage of LANKFORD:

AMBER SARINA LANKFORD,

Petitioner,

vs.

JESSIE PENA JUNIOR GARZA,

Respondent.

Case No. DV-2010-95

Judge of the District Court

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

Muscogee (Creek) Nation To: Jesse Pena Junior Garza

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. DV-2010-95, styled In re the Marriage of Lankford, Amber Lankford Petitioner and Jessie Pena Junior Garza, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a *Decree of Dissolution of Marriage* from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner on or before the 6th day of January, 2010, or appear at the hearing on the 6th day of January, 2010 at 2:00 o'clock P.m. Failure to respond and/or attend will result in the allegations contained in the *Petition* being taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 2nd day of December, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court, Okmulgee
District

By: Shallon McLellan
(Deputy)

(SEAL)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OKMULGEE DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:

J. L. W.,
D.O.B.: 8/4/1994

A minor child.

CASE NO. AD-2010-18

Judge of the District Court

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

To: CLARENCE A. WHITE JR.

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for adoption of a Minor Child in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, AD 2010-18, styled In the Matter of the Adoption of J.L.W., a minor child. The action alleges that the Petitioner is entitled to adoption over the minor child based on abandonment.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the Petitioner or appear on or before the 4th day of January, 2011 in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th day of November, 2010.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court,
Okmulgee District

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WASHINGTON, D.C.,

— Smoking cessation treatment that is made part of mental health care for veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) improves quit rates, according to a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) study published in the Dec. 8 Journal of the American Medical Association.

"The smoking cessation techniques used in this new approach will give Veterans an important step towards a better quality of life," said VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. Robert Petzel. "Veterans will be at a lower risk for cardiovascular or lung disease if they do not smoke."

On measures of smoking abstinence for shorter periods of time, researchers found that quit rates were as high as 18 percent for the integrated care group, versus 11 percent for those receiving usual care. When compared to usual care—referral to a standard smoking cessation clinic—the new, integrated approach nearly doubled the rate at which study volunteers stayed smoke-free for a year or longer, from 4.5 percent to almost 9 percent.

Importantly, Veterans in the study who quit smoking showed no worsening of symptoms of PTSD or depression. In fact, study participants averaged a 10-percent reduction in PTSD symptoms, regardless of which treatment they received or whether they quit smoking or not. The findings help dispel concerns that combining care for PTSD and smoking

cessation detracts from PTSD treatment or makes it less effective.

Research shows, also, that those with PTSD smoke more heavily than smokers without PTSD and have an especially hard time quitting.

Study leaders Miles McFall, Ph.D., and Andrew Saxon, M.D., say the results validate a promising new VA model of care that can make safe, effective smoking cessation treatment accessible to far more Veterans with PTSD. The new approach may also be effective for smokers receiving mental health care for other psychiatric illnesses, they add.

"We've come a long way in understanding that nicotine dependence for many Veterans with PTSD is a chronic, relapsing condition that responds best to intensive treatment extended over time," McFall says. "These study findings will help us empower more Veterans with the resources they need to quit smoking. Single-shot, brief episodic care for nicotine addiction is no match for what is a chronic, relapsing disorder for many of our Veterans."

McFall notes that while most of the participants in the study were Vietnam-era Veterans, integrated smoking cessation care may be especially beneficial for younger Veterans with PTSD, such as many of those returning from Iraq or Afghanistan, who stand to benefit greatly from quitting smoking relatively early in life.

Says McFall, "Ideally, we can help Veterans quit smoking before it becomes a chronic or intractable condition and causes irreversible health problems such as cardiovascular or lung disease."

The study was conducted by VA's Cooperative Studies Program. For more information on CSP, visit www.csp.research.va.gov



MCN Veteran Spotlight: John Sloan

Melodie Reader

MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Veterans' Affairs Services Offices celebrated Veterans' Day with a short ceremony honoring veterans of all branches of the military on Wed., Nov. 10, 2010 at 10 a.m., at the MCN Veterans Building.

Tribal dignitaries including Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill and National Council Speaker Roger Barnett spoke to a standing-room only crowd gathered in the VASO center court.

Among those attending the celebration was Vietnam Veteran, Sgt. E5 John Sloan.

The then 22-year-old Sloan participated in the Vietnam Conflict beginning in April 1968. He was part of the 196th light infantry brigade until he was discharged in April 1970.

"I was pretty much out in the field most of the time," Sloan said.

Sloan gave a brief account of his time spent at war in Vietnam.

"You just had to get used to it, it's a completely different life," said Sloan. "You don't have all the luxuries you're used to and you had one eye open all night, 24-hours-a-day trying to stay alive. Eventually you adapt to it."

Sloan was stationed at the Firebase LZ Baldy, located outside of Chu Lai U.S. Marine Corps Base in Vietnam.

"We were stationed outside of Chu Lai at a Firebase," said Sloan. "We would do our duty, rotate around the area with four other companies and come back and support the hill or the field."

Sloan took both good and bad memories from his Vietnam war ex-

perience.

"At the time that I came back, I was just glad to be back home," acknowledged Sloan. "I guess overall, when I came back, the only disappointment

pretty much proud of the area we dealt with and some of the projects we accomplished. I think some say we did some good, but over the whole thing I was disappointed that it went back

the way it was originally," explained Sloan. "So, all that time, money, effort and lives were wasted in my estimation."

"Being able to go over there and demonstrate what you can offer to people - it's up to them if they want to accept or decline it," said Sloan on what he liked about being in the military. "When I came back and joined the guard; we still did the same thing, but for our towns and cities."

Encouraging others to join the service is something that Sloan asks elders to communicate to the younger generations of their families.

"I participated in an event at the Senior Citizens' Elderly Nutrition in Eufaula recently and spoke about my experience in the service," said

Sloan. "I often encourage people to try the military. The service has a lot to offer people nowadays and in the long run you'll be glad you did it."

Sloan appreciates the tribe for their support and participates in MCN VASO functions as often as possible.

"One thing I'm thankful for is how the tribe looks out for its veterans," said Sloan. "They have movies and other events to bring us together. I really appreciate Ken Davis and all he does to keep our veterans going. He's completely changed my life and I'm grateful for that."

For more information on Veterans' events, please call MCN VASO at (918) 732-7745.



MNN/Melodie Reader

Pictured above is MCN Vietnam Veteran John Sloan, Sgt. E5, at the 2010 MCN Veterans' Day celebration held Nov. 10 at VASO.

I had, was the way we were treated or looked upon when we landed back in the United States, coming from the airport wearing our uniforms. People gave us long, hard stares. It was like you were nothing. Eventually, you got through it."

"That's when I became aware of how the media manipulates the news. Now people know more of what went on and what we were doing, but back in the 60s and 70s it was very hard for those of us who returned."

He has mixed emotions when discussing the conflict and is not sure that they made an impact or not on the communities they tried to assist.

"Personally, I can say that I was

Party

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Amos Rabbit, whose family has been touched by breast cancer and for the past seven years has designed the 'Pink Party' shirts, was recognized by Garner for his contribution to the event with gifts from staff.

Breast cancer survivors were then asked to stand and be recognized and honored for their struggle in overcoming the battle of breast cancer. The room was peppered with survivors of various ages and walks of life.

Garner then introduced keynote speaker, Dr. LaNette Smith, a breast cancer specialist from Tulsa with national certifications, who spoke concerning breast cancer in general, risk factors, treatments and screenings, in particular, mammography. Smith encouraged attendees to begin breast cancer screenings regularly, starting at the age of 40.

"Breast Cancer is the most common cancer for women in the United States, excluding skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer related deaths and it's the leading overall cause of death for women between the ages of 40 to 55," Smith said.

Smith encouraged regular screenings at both at home and at health care facilities to help prevent the onslaught of late detection.

"Fortunately, mortality or chance of dying is decreasing for breast cancer," continued Smith. "Among women, the death rate has fallen about two percent per year. The reason that the decline is happening we think, is because fewer women are taking hormone replacement, but unfortunately it seems that fewer women are getting mammograms over all."

The American Cancer Society has found that 207,000 women will have breast cancer in 2010, according to Smith.

"This is a terrible disease that effects so many of us," said Smith. "About 39,000 women will die of breast cancer in the United States, this

year alone."

"In Oklahoma we have a large rural population and we oftentimes do not go in and get mammograms as we should," acknowledged Smith. "I think we have a great health facility here that is promoting that, but it's very important for women to go out and get mammograms; they do save lives."

Over 2,500 women were diagnosed with breast cancer over the last year in Oklahoma and approximately 500 of those women will die, according to Smith.

"Among American Indian women we see that the incidents and mortality of breast cancer are increasing," said Smith. "American Indian women have some of the poorest screening rates of any group."

Smith stressed, in her conclusion, the importance of early detection and encouraged attendees to discuss the importance of self-breast exams and mammograms with family and friends.

Attendees were able to visit various exhibits promoting breast cancer awareness and health before the release of hundreds of pink balloons..

"The final task of the day was the release of hundreds of pink balloons with notes attached about breast cancer awareness. The notes have the clinic phone number to contact us if found – we received calls and letters from as far away as Little Rock, Ark., and Colbert County, Ala.," Isham stated.

"We had approximately 520 people attend... including 42 breast cancer survivors," said Isham. "The goal of the 'Pink Party' is to heighten awareness, early detection and treatment of breast cancer and to support breast cancer survivors. Breast cancer has a high survival rate so early detection and treatment is important."

The MCN has two facilities Koweta and Okemah, which provide mammography services. For more information on women's health, please call (918) 758-1926.

Yonne Tiger named NCAIED '40 Under 40'

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — Recently, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development announced the recipients of the 2010 Native American 40 Under 40, who were recognized as part of the 35th Annual Indians Progress in Business Awards Event at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Albuquerque, N.M.

Among those honored was In-House Counsel for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council Yonne Tiger, who was grateful and thankful for the award.

To make a difference in Indian Country and to be recognized for making that difference is a bit overwhelming and humbling to Tiger.

"I was truly honored to be a recipient of that award," said Tiger. "When I got there and was among all the young people doing great things in Indian Country, I felt truly honored to be in their presence and see their accomplishments. It really put the award in perspective for me."

Tiger has many accomplishments and achievements at such a young age from which she has benefitted. First, she is the In-House Counsel to the National Council of one of the largest tribes in the United States. Recently, she was featured in



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In-house Counsel for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council Yonne Tiger was recently named one of NCAIED's Native American '40 Under 40' in October.

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— Yonne Tiger, 2010 NCAIED 40 Under 40 recipient

the KU Law magazine as an advocate for Indian Country.

"Most recently I've been asked by the Federal Bar Association to be an Oklahoma Contributor of their Indian Law newsletter and I'm adjunct professor at the College of the

Muscogee Nation," explained Tiger. "I have been keeping busy. I try to do stuff for Indian Country that will ultimately help our Nation."

"All tribes need a lot of help, not just within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, but within all aspects of

tribal government. We constantly have an uphill battle and hopefully I can make a contribution," continued Tiger. "This award has just been eye-opening for me and I am thankful to the Nation because it has afforded me such great opportunities."

Creek-Seminole artist designs historic coin

Gerald Wofford
MCN Communications Manager

SANTA FE, N.M., — In 1980, renowned Seminole artist Enoch Kelly Haney would be asked to speak to a group of young Indian students at Seneca Indian School about the ideas of creating art. The school has since closed.

Haney used a chalk board to explain the unique craft of drawing and simply scribbled a circle and asked the students exactly what they saw. Of course the answer was just that, but Haney continued and showed the pupils that everything created is in what people want to see and what they make of it.

He drew a few more lines on the chalkboard and asked, “What do you see now?”

We answered, “eyes, nose, mouth!” recalls Kenneth Johnson, who was one of the young students in the class that day. “He quickly drew more lines and we witnessed a very cool image of a Native face emerge from the chalkboard where before we had only been exposed to letters and numbers before. It was awesome to watch the creative process and the transformation of a medium.”

By the time the future Seminole Principal Chief and senator had finished, his talk would influence the young Creek-Seminole kid to later become an artist himself. “As an artist, I have been privileged to create special works just from him

using his own imagery.”

Johnson would study the craft of jewelry and silversmith and after college at the University of Oklahoma, would move to Santa Fe, N.M., to learn more. Johnson’s commitment to creating Native American jewelry has earned him a popular name and his creations in necklaces, bracelets, belts, earrings and coins have been showcased all over the world. His latest work in coins has brought the Oklahoma Indian back home recently and helped make a historic day for the Creek Nation even more memorable.

Nov. 20, 2010 marked a special ceremony, in which the Creek Nation bought back the historic Creek Council House. Johnson was asked to create a special commemorative coin especially for the occasion to be given to dignitaries that day. The coin is the size of a silver dollar and depicts the design of the Creek Council

House on one side, along with the name of the Principal Chief and the National Council representative’s name individually, according to their district. The opposite side is adorned with the Muscogee (Creek) tribal seal.

Although the task of making all these silver coins was a labor of love for his tribe, Johnson admits that designing the side with the seal was



Cover courtesy/Native Peoples Magazine

Pictured above is Creek-Seminole silversmith artist Kenneth Johnson whose design work on a commemorative coin was recently featured at the Council House reclamation ceremony held Nov. 20, 2010 in Okmulgee, Okla.

one of the most difficult parts of the entire project.

“In my research there are several variations of the seal, such as the cloud and the designs of the background, but it’s an honor to do this. It is a commemorative coin so I wanted to capture the importance of the event,” says Johnson.

Although the coin was given to tribal leaders exclusively that day, Johnson has also made it available to everyone. Interested buyers may visit his web site at www.kennethjohnson.com

Johnson, who is also a 1984 graduate of Sequoyah in Tahlequah, was able to give a art lecture to stu-

dents recently at his alma mater, hopefully encouraging or inspiring a young student, just like Haney did for him many years ago.

“What interested him [Haney] was talking to a group of kids,” said Johnson, “In the same effect that Kelly Haney had on me and following his career, I want to see what artists rise up out of this audience and you never know, hopefully I’ve been able to share and give a little direction in which way to go.”

Johnson’s jewelry was recently featured in fashion designer Tom Ford’s photo shoot for *French Vogue Magazine* (December 2010).

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The objection is also based on NCA 10-190, enacted the same day, which amends MCNCA Title 27, judicial procedures.

The filing is supported by six separate objections to the case. Objection number four claims that since the case was filed under a court system whose presiding judge does not fit the new Title 26 requirements, the District Court has no jurisdiction in the matter.

The sixth objection states, “The defendant does not waive any other objections filed prior to the establishment of a Criminal Trial Court under NCA 10-189 including, without limitation, the motion to recuse and/or disqualify Patrick Moore, and the motion to disqualify Rod Wiemer as Special Prosecutor.”

NCA 10-189, which aims to restructure the current court system, was introduced at an early-morning Business and Governmental Committee meeting held prior to the Oct. 30 National Council regular session and after the Oct. 29 arrest of several former Duck Creek employees. It was during the Oct. 30 session, NCA-189 was introduced and passed.

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis vetoed the legislation on Nov. 10, 2010, citing four objections including the violation of the separation of powers. The veto was overridden by the National Council on Nov. 22 with 25 council members present and vote of 20 in favor and five against.

Proctor awarded \$2,500 Chief Ellis Scholarship



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Pictured above are Muscoogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief A.D. Ellis (left), National JOM President Virginia Thomas (center) and recipient of the \$2,500 Chief Ellis Scholarship and Mvskoke citizen, Grant Proctor.

Media Release

MCN Public Relations

BILLINGS, Mont., — The National Johnson O'Malley Association is honored to sponsor the Chief Ellis Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 to a deserving Native American student.

The deserving student for the 2010 A.D. Ellis scholarship is Grant Proctor. Grant is the son of Andrew and Tonya Proctor of Wilson, Okla., grandson to the late Andy and Judy (Lasley) Proctor and Patsy and the late Vester Layman all of Hanna, Okla.

Grant is a descendent of the Deer clan and member of the Weogufkee Missionary Indian Baptist Church of Hanna. Grant is currently attending Central Christian College and plays for the JV and Varsity basketball team, in McPherson, Kan.

This scholarship is given to honor the work of Muscoogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, not only in his work for the Muscoogee (Creek) Na-

tion but for his efforts to secure JOM funds on a national level for JOM programs throughout the United States. The scholarship was announced at the Annual NJOMA Conference in Billings, Mont.

The criteria for this scholarship include the following:

1. Must be a member of a federally recognized tribe (copy of CDIB or tribal citizenship card)
2. Chief Ellis Scholarship application completed and submitted by deadline.
3. A one-page typed personal statement on your goals and career choice with an emphasis on how the JOM program affected your school achievements.
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. If you are a 2011 graduating high school senior you must complete the following:

a. Submit a copy of your current high school transcripts

b. If selected, you must submit your admission letter before the scholarship is released

c. One of your letters of recommendation must be from your current high school staff

d. Planning to attend a two or four year college or university

6. If you are a current college student, you must complete the following:

a. Submit a copy of your current college transcripts

b. You must have maintained a grade point average of 2.75 or higher for the past semester

c. Must currently be attending a two or four year college or university

The funding for this scholarship is private donation from a Muscoogee (Creek) citizen.

MCN complex adds new emergency exit

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

OKMULGEE — The Muscoogee (Creek) Nation will have a new emergency exit for Lighthorse officers, which should be ready Fri., Dec. 3, 2010.

The emergency exit project was made possible through cooperative efforts of the MCN Indian Reservations Road Program and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) according to MCN IRRP Manager and Administrator of the MCN Transit Authority Ben Chaney.

"We acquired from ODOT an additional 60' from the pipe fence," said Chaney. "This area does not belong to the Creek Nation, but we have permission to use it as long as we don't build a permanent structure."

Chaney and Project Contractor Drew Brown of Steve's Asphalt have worked together on this project for over four months along with the MCN IRRP employees. MCN IRRP crew removed the pipe fences and built base of the exit, while Brown's crew prepared and laid the asphalt.

"The driveway will be drivable tomorrow, but this is an emergency driveway. It will not be open all the time," said Chaney. "We have per-

mission to place this exit here strictly for the use of emergencies."

The driveway will have a gate erected in the near future, as the exit is not allowed to be open all the time.

"We will also place a gate and give Lighthorse access to it," explained Chaney. "Currently, when they have an emergency, Lighthorse officers have to drive all the way around the tribal complex to head northbound. Now, we will give them a gate opener and they can exit the complex to the north without delays."

Perhaps later on, the new exit may be utilized during the 5 p.m. hour to ease the mass exodus of employees, but that is not currently the plan. Chaney will need to obtain permission from ODOT to utilize the exit for that purpose.

"While it may be possible to have the exit open from 5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., during the workweek, it is not available for use at this time," explained Chaney. "I know 5 p.m. may seem like an emergency to some and I've had several people ask about using it, but we'll just wait and see what we can do about that."



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Steve's Asphalt Project Contractor Drew Brown and Manager of the Muscoogee (Creek) Nation Indian Reservations Road Program and Administrator of MCN Transit Authority Ben Chaney supervise as the construction crew placed a layer of asphalt on the nearly-completed emergency exit on Wed., Dec. 1, 2010 at the MCN Tribal Complex.

CREEK NATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MFSI 3rd Annual Food Sovereignty Symposium

OKMULGEE — The Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative will host the third annual Food Sovereignty Symposium Feb. 18 - 19, 2011. This event is free and open to all.

Program details may be obtained at MFSI 208 W. 6th Street, Okmulgee, Okla., or at (918) 756-5915 or e-mail mvskokefood@gmail.com

Tribal complex closings

OKMULGEE — The Tribal Complex will be closed Dec. 23-24, 2010 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Offices will also be closed Jan. 30-31, 2011 for New Year's Day.

Thlopthlocco Tribal Town officer elections

OKEMAH — The Thlopthlocco Tribal Town will conduct officer elections on Jan. 29, 2011. Registration is from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. (only members will be admitted in the building on election day).

A forum will be held at the county barn in Okemah on Jan. 8, 2011 from 9 a.m.-noon. All tribal members are encouraged to attend on these dates.

The election will be held at the Okfuskee County Fair Barn, Hwy. 62, Okemah, Okla. Elections will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m. Voting will be by standing vote as specified in the tribal town constitution. Photo ID is required. Voters must be 21 years of age by Jan. 29, 2011 in order to vote.

For more information, please call (918) 560-6108.

Dance Night set for Dec. 18

TWIN HILLS — The Twin Hills Creek Indian Community and MCN Senior Services will host a free dance night at the Twin Hills Community Center on Sat., Dec. 18, 2010 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome, seniors or not. Refreshments may be provided by those who can or want. Attendees are

encouraged to bring CDs of music for the dance.

For more information, please call Sharon Harris at (918) 697-6008 or Jackson Barnett (918) 732-7723.

OIC Scholarship available

OKMULGEE — The Okmulgee Indian Clinic Education Committee is now accepting scholarship applications for the Spring 2011 semester. The applicant or parent of the applicant must be an active member of the community and be either a part-time or full-time student.

For more information, please call (918) 758-0970, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. - noon.

Challenge Bowl registration deadline Jan. 3, 2011

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation will host the 2011 Challenge Bowl in Feb.

Registration Deadline is Jan. 3, 2011. Registration forms may be found at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov. Click the Challenge Bowl link.

For more information, please contact Joe Martel at (918) 732-7841.

Men's Pool Tournament

TULSA — The Native American Warriors Society of Tulsa, Okla. will host a Men's Christmas Pool Tournament at Magoo's, 5002 S. Memorial Drive, Tulsa on Dec. 18 - 19, 2010.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. and play begins at 11:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$20, double elimination. Proof of CDIB required. For more information, please call Yvonne CAhwee (918) 946-8024 or Janene Alford (918) 344-1270.

Cultural Preservation Library closed

OKMULGEE — MCN Cultural Preservation's Library will be closed during the weeks of Dec. 27-29, 2010 and Jan. 3-7, 2011 for inventory and reorganization.

Bingo and Food Sale

OKMULGEE — The Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Center will host a bingo and food sale beginning at 1 p.m., Jan. 8, 2011. There will be prizes.

For more information, call Billy at (405) 452-3803 or (918) 346-7917.

2011 MCN Festival Dates

OKMULGEE — Tourism & Recreation has announced dates of the annual Festival Slow Pitch Softball Tournament for June 17-19, 2011.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival will be held the following weekend on June 23-26, 2011.

For more information, contact T&R at (918) 732-7992.

2011 Challenge Bowl now recruiting volunteers

TULSA — 2011 Challenge Bowl volunteers are needed. Team registration deadline is Jan. 3, 2011.

For more information, contact Melinda Deeringwater at (918) 549-2521.

Council House T-shirts

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Council House Committee is selling commemorative Council House T-shirts. The cost is \$10 for all sizes, including S - 4X.

For more information, please contact Rachel Sumka at (918) 732-7604 or Shelby Rex at (918) 732-7605.

Mvskoke Language CDs

OKMULGEE — The Mvskoke Language Program has a 9-CD set containing over 600 Mvskoke words and phrases for \$15. An additional CD ROM containing all of the audio including the written Mvskoke words and phrases is available for \$5.

For more information or to order

a set, please call (918) 732-7724.

Festival Hoodies

OKMULGEE — The MCN Tourism & Recreation Department are selling 2010 Festival hoodies, subject to availability. Children's hoodies are \$5 and adult sizes S - 4X are \$15.

For more information, please call (918) 732-7992.

MCN Senior Portraits

OKMULGEE — The MCN Photography Department offers nice quality photos for citizens at an affordable price. Senior Pictures and Family Portraits are available in-studio or on-location throughout the Creek Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Mallory Bible at (918) 732-7639.

Editor's note: Please submit contact information for all community calendar events.

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FEATURES

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Council 'bundles' thanks

• National Council provided holiday meals to 63 Creek families



MCN/National Council

Pictured above are Muscogee (Creek) National Council Reps. Paula Willits, Shirlene Ade and Speaker Roger Barnett preparing food baskets for the Thanksgiving holiday earlier this year where 63 families were provided with a traditional meal for the day.

Media Release MCN National Council

OKMULGEE — On Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010 the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and Staff packed Thanksgiving food baskets, and delivered the baskets to those less fortunate for the third annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

The first Thanksgiving Food Drive began in 2008 because the National Council felt a need when citizens were calling the office and were sharing stories of layoffs, unemployment and general tough economic

times. During the first Thanksgiving Food Drive, 12 Muscogee (Creek) families were given food baskets. Last year, the number grew to 43 baskets. This year, the food drive proved to be very successful by helping 63 families. The National Council donated individually and raised funds to support the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Muscogee (Creek) Nation employees, entities and departments also gave to make this year successful.

The National Council would like

to thank those who gave and worked to make this a good Thanksgiving for our Muscogee (Creek) families. We look forward to the fourth annual Thanksgiving Food Drive next year!

For more information, please contact the Office of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council at (918) 758-1410. In addition, please visit www.mcnn.com under "Council News" to view additional pictures taken during the Thanksgiving Drive.

'Citizen Speak Out' set for Jan. 15

Media Release Sandi Golden

OKMULGEE — A Citizen Speak Out, organized by individual citizens, is set for Jan. 15, 2011 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Mound Building from 12:30 p.m., to 4 p.m.

The meeting will allow Creek citizens to speak out on issues/concerns regarding the state of the nation. This meeting is not a "tar and feather" attempt on anyone.

A planning group is being assembled to finalize details regarding

the process by which citizens will be able to make their statements, record them and forward the results to the proper authority. The group believes that citizens have something to say and this is the opportunity to do so.

If any Creek citizens would like to volunteer or need further information, please contact Mae Jackson at (918) 623-0751; Sandi Golden at (405) 786-2635 or Nancy Watson at (918) 623-2678.

Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard now recruiting

Media Release Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard

OKMULGEE — All Mvskoke Nation Veterans are eligible for final military rites by the Honor Guard at their passing, upon proof of Honorable Discharge and at least 48 hours notice.

The Honor Guard has also been designated "Goodwill Ambassadors" by the National Council and have posted colors at tribal events, parades and occasions and will consider requests at their monthly meetings, on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.,

in the National Council Chambers.

We invite and welcome all recent veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan and all other wars and conflicts to join us in our efforts.

Citizens or families can call the National Council Office at (918) 758-1410 or Commander Thomas Yahola at (918) 906-1273. Written requests may be addressed to:

Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447

Requests will also be accepted via e-mail at: native-heart@valornet.com



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Mvskoke Country: *Rvfo-Rakko*, "Big Winter"

by James Treat

The ancient Mvskoke calendar is grounded in astronomical observations. Each new year, for example, begins with *posketv*, the ceremony known in English as Green Corn, traditionally held around summer solstice. And the sequence of 12 *hvse* approximates the number of lunar months occurring in an annual period.

So *cokv-walv* Mvskoke is structured by the sun's yearly migration between north and south and the moon's monthly passage through fractional phases. But its months are named for vital aspects of the earth's seasonal ecology, those subsistence foods and weather patterns that sustained our Mvskoke ancestors. They understood natural cycles both celestial and terrestrial, and their time-honored calendar synthesizes the astronomical and ecological knowledge they found to be useful.

The first five months of the Mvskoke year name pursuits and perceptions that signify traditional Mvskoke life: harvest, chestnut-thrashing, glistening (frost). The sixth month, on the other hand, refers to a season familiar in most temperate climates: *Rvfo-Rakko*, "Big Winter." The name was formed by modifying the word *rvfo*, "winter," with the augmentative suffix *-rakko*, "big."

Several later months also are based on common seasonal terminology. These references to seasons in the names of months made me curious about Mvskoke knowledge of seasonal divisions.

The most recent Mvskoke-English dictionary includes entries for *rvfo*, "winter"; *tasahcē*, "spring"; and *meskē*, "summer." (The Koasati language—another member of the Muskogean family—has a very similar word for "winter," so *rvfo* is probably very old.) But "there is no fixed expression for 'autumn' in Creek," the authors note, "though *rvfo hakof*, 'when it becomes winter,' may be used." The same entries

can be found in an earlier Mvskoke-English dictionary published in the late nineteenth century.

No Mvskoke term for "autumn?" If your language lacks a word for a basic element of worldview, it's a good bet that particular idea is not a native concept. Of course, every living language is always changing; *rvfo hakof* may be analogous to the descriptive terms for days of the week coined by Mvskokes after European colonists imported their seven-day cycle.

Could it be that our agrarian forebears recognized only three seasons per year?

The dominant culture in North America would have you think that astronomical phenomena—solstices and equinoxes—are the only basis for seasonal distinctions. But many factors influence seasonal variation, and there are other ways to conceptualize the seasons.

Meteorological seasons are determined by weather conditions. In Sweden and Finland, for example, seasonal change is noted when the daily averaged temperature remains above or below a certain threshold for a week.

Ecological seasons are defined by the physiology of plants and animals as they respond to environmental variation over the course of a year. Some ecologists use six seasons to describe temperate climes, with the two additional seasons falling between winter and spring (prevernal) and between summer and fall (seritonal).

Many indigenous peoples around the world still observe their own traditional seasons. In Australia, various Aborigine calendars have as few as two and as many as six named seasonal periods, depending on local climate and subsistence practices.

So there is nothing unusual, unnatural, or unscientific about a three-season calendar for Mvskoke country. And Muskogean oral tradition bears at least one compelling piece of evidence in support of this hypothesis.

A hundred years ago, anthropologist John R. Swanton visited the Koasati communities in La., and Texas, transcribing dozens of oral narratives. This English-language collection of nature myths and trickster tales opens with a short story titled "The Ordering of the Months and Seasons," a creation account in very condensed form.

"All things were made at the same time," it begins. "The earth, sun, moon—all things—got ripe and were left to man." The animals, however, took charge of organizing the calendar. "The creatures having assembled, any who liked a certain month took it and ran off," then "threw it down on the ground as he ran and it started a new moon." And so things went for the seasons as well. "When it was summer," for example, "the Humming Bird said, 'I will stay about and kiss the flowers.'" When all was said and done, "winter, spring, and summer were made together."

Winter, spring, and summer—no sign of autumn, here or anywhere else in Swanton's book of Creek, Hitchiti, Alabama, Koasati, and Natchez stories, just those three seasons preserved in the Mvskoke language since time immemorial: *rvfo*, *tasahcē*, and *meskē*. They demarcate seasonal boundaries ideally suited for an agricultural society, incorporating both astronomical and ecological intelligence.

Recovering this wisdom, thinking critically about the ways we mark time in space, can help us understand our environmental crisis and the industrial civilization that produced it.

You can find more information about Mvskoke country, including an archive of previous columns, at <http://mvskokecountry.wordpress.com/>

I welcome your comments on anything I've written, as well as your suggestions for things I should be writing about. You can reach me by e-mail at treaty@illinois.edu



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And Still the Waters Run: A Store-bought Dress

George Windes
CMCA Historian

YORBA LINDA, Calif., — Creek women appreciate a fine looking Creek man (the opposite view is well known as well). It is said when young William Weatherford (Red Eagle) rode his horse through the traditionalist Creek villages of old, women and girls paused in their everyday labors, to observe his tall frame and smile at him, as he dashed by.

My story this month deals with a Creek maiden of a much more recent era. Frances Parga was born of a short-lived marriage between a dusky Spaniard and a Muscogee Creek citizen. The 1930's were just beginning. It was a difficult time in Oklahoma.

Frances' mother "Dude," a single parent, struggled to provide for the needs of her two children. A respected home care nurse, her assignments occasionally allowed her kids to live with her, but more commonly not. Then Frances (and brother, Earl) would live with their grandmother, Blanche Baker Summers, in different Oklahoma cities.



Eventually, though available funds were nearly non-existent, Frances was enrolled at the Bacone H.S. dormitory at Muskogee. It was a lonely time. Some students were cash poor, while others came from wealthy families. The divide was deep, with curt smiles and giggles, cutting to the core of those who lived without sufficient funds.

One weekend afternoon, the school rumor mill gave alert that a handsome, very well-dressed Creek man was in the office of the college, asking for a Creek girl who resided on the campus. Speculation erupted as to whom he was and just whom he wanted to see. Few answers were available, but many young ladies glanced out of the windows, hoping to catch a glimpse of the mysterious traveler.

Frances was shocked when a flustered roommate rushed up to loudly announce that the stranger was asking for non-other than she!

She was requested to report "immediately" to Administration. Frances, who'd never owned a store-bought dress, quickly changed into her best smock (homemade though it was). With much tribulation, she headed for the surprise interrogation.

A smile from a handsome man named Joe Freeman eased her nervousness. Did she know her Uncle Carlyle? "Yes." Did she know Uncle Carlyle's oldest son served his country in the Merchant Marines? "Yes," she'd heard that. "Frances," the stranger said, "I am that cousin. I visited recently with dear Aunt Blanche (your grandma), and have come hoping to take you to Muskogee's best restaurant for lunch. Then we'll go on a little shopping spree. Would you be so kind as to accompany me into town today?"

Frances spoke in but a whisper, but she somehow managed to answer, "Yes."

All the time, Frances was observing a handsome man, actorly-attired in a natty stripped tie and doubled breasted suit coat, with searing eagle



Photo courtesy of George Windes

Pictured above is Frances Parga Noble who passed away in November at the age of 81.

Noble's cousin, Joe Freeman, is pictured below.

wing lapels. He was, to cop a phrase of the period, the "cat's meow."

Hours later, Frances returned from a 'date' she would talk about all of her days. All of her roommates (she'd grown immeasurably in their stature), crowded around her. She described the wonderful meal at the fine restaurant on Muskogee's Okmulgee Avenue. She pulled from its package, the beautiful store-bought dress that Joe had purchased for her.

If I recall correctly, it was red? Green? Really, does it even matter? For a 26-year-old man, to take time to brighten the life of a 13-year-old "cuzzin," is so very Muscogee Creek, so very gallant, so very kind. You did well Joe Freeman!

Frances' life was not especially easy through the years. She worked in

the medical industry, including many years at Muskogee (Creek) hospital. She had the privilege of closely associating with her mother, grandmother, and great grandmother (the grand daughter of Red Eagle). Often she helped family members through her nursing skills.

Our beautiful cousin, Frances Parga Noble, age 81, passed from our view in Desoto, Texas. Her funeral was held in Dallas, Dec. 1, 2010.

Windes has been an active member of the California Muscogee Creek Association for a decade and is serving on the Board as historian. He may be reached at: georgewindes@gmail.com



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This substantive vote was the final and controlling vote on the Justices' positions regarding the central issues in the case. The inapplicability of NCA 82-30 to a five-Justice Court, the inherent authority of the Supreme Court to maintain judicial independence free from undue legislative interference in internal operations and policy, and this Court's inherent authority to rule by majority in issuing its decisions, were among the substantive issues debated.

These issues constituted logical underpinnings to the Majority's position and were essential factors incorporated in this Court's substantive vote.

When the vote was taken, the Court discussed that Justices Harjo-Ware and Mouser, as participating Justices in the final vote in this case, were entitled to disagree with the majority, and file a written dissent. Justice Supernaw, however, never participated in this case. The case had been debated and decided prior to her joining the bench. The dissenting Justices' attempt to insert a third vote in their favor is an attempt to imply a 3-3 tie - a result that does not reflect this Court's vote. No such tie exists, or ever existed, regarding this Court's substantive vote in this case. Accordingly, this Court's Majority Opinion carries with it the full force and effect of any Supreme Court opinion.

For the reasons stated above, the minority's "Response" dated Dec. 6, 2010 shall be treated as the minority's dissenting opinion.

Perryman Ranch Homestead: Celebrating 100 years of history

Melodie Reader
MNN Reporter

JENKS — Amid much aplomb, the 100th birthday of the Perryman Ranch homestead was celebrated Nov. 5, 2010 in conjunction with the birthday of Monetta Trepp, granddaughter of Mose Perryman, Muscogee (Creek) Nation original allottee.

Sen. Jim Inhofe and former KJRH Tulsa news personality Sam Jones were guest speakers at the birthday bash.

“First of all, when this beautiful young lady showed up where I was giving a speech several months ago at the Jenks Chamber, she talked about this and it was coming up,” said Inhofe, speaking of Trepp. “I said ‘Alright, I’ll come.’ She said, something along the lines of ‘I bet you don’t show up’ and I just want you to know that I’m here.”

“Many years ago, when I moved here from Iowa and I’m talking about way back in 1941, my daddy took me out here to this ranch,” said Inhofe. “This place is rich in history - no place in Oklahoma commemorates our very

Indian heritage better than the Perryman estate.”

“I understand that not only Perryman Ranch had a birthday, but you have a birthday,” said Inhofe as he addressed Trepp.

“Yes, but I’m not quite as old as the house,” said Monetta Trepp.

Inhofe presented Trepp with a proclamation from Gov. Brad Henry declaring Nov. 5, 2010 “Perryman Ranch Day.”

Jones spoke concerning Trepp’s determination to accomplish the refurbishment and ranch managers, Wes and Coco Dickinson’s tenacity to obtain the goal of completion of the refurbishment.

“When Monetta cornered me, and I use that lovingly, years ago, she turned my attention in the direction it should have been turned in,” said Jones. “She made me aware of facts and I came down to the ranch and saw that it was a dump. That is the only way



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Pictured above are structures located on the Perryman Ranch, which has a deep historical connection to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation because of its location and the descendants who have utilized and cared for the family’s original allotment for 100 years.

“... without the work of him and his family, this place would not be anywhere near the shape that it is. In fact, it’s more likely that people would be talking about where this place used to be, instead of standing together as we are today.”

- Robert Trepp, Perryman descendant

to describe it; it was an absolute dump. This place, in the condition it was in, should have been torched.”

“The land was so overgrown and had run so wild with the kind of thickets that would pierce your car tires, that it was impossible to navigate the place to see what was actually going on here. A lot of unsavorys had moved in on different parts of the land and Monetta was just beside herself,” explained Jones. “She introduced me to her ranch manager, Wes Dickinson and his wife CoCo and their sons. I have to tell you, the mission she gave them was virtually impossible, at least

from my vantage point.”

“Working with no money, no equipment, from ground zero, the man employed a technique known as bartering,” continued Jones. “You do this for me, I do this for you.’ It took a lot of years, but Wes, CoCo and their sons physically cleaned up the land.”

Jones then presented Trepp with a proclamation from Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett, Jr. commending the Perryman family on their contribution in shaping Oklahoma area history and certificates of recognition to the Dickinsons for their years of service to Perryman Ranch.

Robert Trepp, son of Monetta, gave a brief history of the Perryman family from the time of removal.

“I want to congratulate my mother on the proclamations she has now from the mayor and the governor. I want to congratulate Wes on the certificate that he just received,” said Robert Trepp. “Believe me, without the work of him and his family, this place would not be anywhere near the shape that it is. In fact, it’s more likely that people would be talking about where this place used to be, instead of standing together as we are today.”

“The Perryman family has long

roots. Right before removal, they were running cattle in the Fla., panhandle and southern Ala. It was that herd that they brought out here in the early 1830s. They were a large force not only in the founding of Tulsa but many of the communities around here,” he said.

The Perryman family utilized the unfenced portion of tribal common land between Duck Creek and Choctaw to run part of their herds as did other Muscogee citizens. The family grouped their cattle together, distinguishing them by brands.

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Perryman

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According to Robert Trepp, in the 1700s, when Texas began driving their cattle to the railroads in Kan., to be sold, the Muscogee Nation had a grazing tax which Texans were supposed to pay, but wouldn't.

The Perrymans, along with several other families, worked together with the tribal government and they actually fenced off several miles of territory, stretching from Bird Creek all the way out to Choteau - making the Texans get permission to go through the fence. Therefore, helping the tribe collect the taxes.

"Benjamin Perryman served as one of the tribal delegates who helped negotiate the treaty of 1833 which established the boundary lines we now know as Admiral to the east of Tulsa and Edison to the west of Tulsa," said Robert Trepp. "If you are ever out in Choteau just to the east of Hwy. 69 and about a half mile south of 412, you'll see a cast iron post that has a conical cap on it. At the base of the post, on the north side and on the east side are the words 'Cherokee.' On the west side and the south side are the words 'Creek.' That is where the tribal boundary comes in from the west and makes a wide angle and turns south and you can actually put your hand on the northeast corner of the Creek Nation."

Other Perryman accomplishments include Louis Perryman starting a trading post on the Arkansas River, where Zink Park is today. His son, George became very involved in tribal politics and was one of the three signatures on the original 1898 Tulsa charter. George's brother Legus served the tribe as Principal Chief and their brother, Josiah served the area as the first postmaster.

"Mose Perryman, son of George and Rachel Perryman, was very involved in local and tribal politics and in 1901 he was the delegate to the House of Warriors for a bunch

of other tribal towns, which are the people of the Council Oak Tree," said Robert Trepp. "In Jan. of 1901 my grandmother, Edith, Monetta's mom, was born and a week later her father, Mose, died. So, our family has very deep roots in this area and right now the thing we are proudest of are the efforts our mother has made to secure this land and to preserve this place for the community."

Monetta Trepp cut the birthday cake and thanked everyone for coming. She was grateful for the help of everyone involved to help make this event possible.

"Wes and Coco Dickinson take care of the farm and they lived in the house about 25 years ago," said Monetta Trepp. "We had to decide whether to keep it and fix it up or sell it, because we had lots of offers, but we decided to keep it. They have worked hard to make it what it is today."

Guests mingled and toured the rooms of the homestead which was built 100 years ago in place of the original homestead which was struck by lightning in 1910.

"When I was young, I lived in Oklahoma City and I'd come over here and spend the summer with my grandmother. I played, climbed trees, I'd go down in the woods and hear my mother calling me and I wouldn't answer, because I didn't want to come home. That wasn't very nice of me," laughed Trepp. "I'd take a book and get up in a tree and just do what little girls do. I also played here with my cousins."

The house has been refurbished to original details, while the barn, while mostly original has been retrofitted to accommodate corporate parties. It has a dance floor, big screen television, kitchen and bathroom facilities and a large seating area for guests.

"When I came out, there was a sweat lodge out back which a lot of people were using," said Dickinson. "Monetta looked at me and said 'Wes, don't go out to Calif. I'm getting ready to lose this. Jenks has



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Pictured above is the historic Perryman Homestead, located in Jenks, Okla. The homestead, rebuilt in 1910 after damage from lightning, hosted an all-day 100 year birthday celebration on Nov. 5, 2010.

condemned the house because of vandalism and reports of marijuana being grown out back. My uncle is getting ready to sell it and I don't have the money to buy it. My mom promised my grandfather, Mose, that she would never sell it. This is the homestead of the original 80 acres when we got our allotment.' So I stayed to help her."

"These porches, you can see I jacked them up and did the best I could to keep it original," continued Dickinson. "I said I don't know what I can do; I don't have any money. She said, 'Well, I don't have any money, but I know you. You've got the gift of gab and you're the only one who could tackle my uncle and talk him into letting you lease this place.'"

Dickinson did lease the place and he and his family have managed the ranch for close to 25 years. His goal has been to get the Perryman Ranch on the map as a historical landmark and although it has taken many years, the hard work has paid off.

After pleading to state officials, Dickinson convinced them to recognize the Perryman family for their contribution to the area.

"I started going over to the capital and raising Hell," said Dickinson. He asked acknowledgement of the Perrymans as 'Tulsa's First Family' in the media and for a bronze statue of Tulsa's first postmaster, Josiah Perryman to be placed downtown.

Eventually, with the assistance of Sen. Lewis Long, the 'Perryman Memorial Highway' was named on Hwy. 75 from Tulsa to Okmulgee.

That small step eventually led to recognition of the Perryman Ranch across Okla.

"Today, after 25 years, it's Monetta's birthday. I promised her I'd try to do it and I've done it," said Dickinson. "I've achieved what I set out to do and especially on her birthday, it's the happiest time in my life."

The ranch has longhorn cattle and horses, which are descended from original Perryman stock. There is also a white buffalo, which roams

the ranch as well.

"The white buffalo was very important to the Indians," said Monetta Trepp. "We're happy to have one here."

The grounds house the offices of the National Indian Monument & Institute (NIMI), which is managed by CEO Monetta Trepp and staff.

Future plans for the ranch include additional native plantings, an amphitheater, cultural center and museum.

Dickinson hopes to continue showcasing Native heritage and culture to visitors in the years to come.

"You know the adage, if you build it, they will come," said Jones. "Well in this case, if you clean it up they'll show up."

For more information on NIMI, please call (918) 298-2300 or visit www.nimi.us

For more information on Perryman Ranch, please call Wes and Coco Dickinson at (918) 299-2997 or visit www.perrymanwrangler-ranch.com

OBITUARIES

NEVA ARCHER LAIRMORE



TULSA — Neva Belle Archer Lairmore passed peacefully on October 22, 2010, surrounded by family, in Tulsa, Okla.

She was born in Broken Arrow on March 22, 1919 to Elmer H. & Mattie Burgess Archer. She attended Seneca and Haskell Indian Schools, from which she graduated as valedictorian. She devoted her life to caring for her deeply loved family. Her family returned her love fully. We were inspired by her love, strength, and tenacity.

She enjoyed 62 years of marriage with her husband John L. Lairmore before his death in 2003. She was also preceded in death by her daughter Marline M. Sanders. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Carolyn and Clark James, Martha Lairmore and Leon Mullis, Jack and Karen Lairmore; her grandchildren and their spouses John and Amy James, Kerry James and Justin Remington, Lisa and Scott Coker, Kyle Lairmore and Kayla Lairmore; and her great-grandchildren: Jack, Abby, Olivia and Will James, Katie and Chris Cleveland, Bevin and Rhys Coker. Services took place at Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, OK on Oct. 25, 2010

EVELYN MARIE RHINE

OKMULGEE — Evelyn Marine Rhine, Okmulgee, passed away Sept. 8, 2010 at the age of 71. Evelyn was born Aug. 15, 1939 in Henryetta to Raymond and Angie (Randall) Screechowl. She married Charles Rhine May 25, 1958 and was employed as a restaurant cook until her retirement. Evelyn is survived by a daughter, Ellen Quesenbury, Keller, Tex.; sons Jack Rhine and wife



Brenda of Henryetta; Curly Rhine and wife Bobbye of Schalter; and John Rhine and wife Tina of Tulsa; brother Ed Screechowl and wife Janice; sister Jamima Primeaus, 16 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 5 nieces and 4 nephews. Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son Edward Rhine; sisters Linda Screechowl and Jeanetta Screechowl and brother Henry Screechowl. Services were held Sept. 11, 2010 at Randall Baptist Church in Wilson with the Revs. Timmy Lowe and Jimmy Alexander officiating. The wake service was held Sept. 10, 2010 at Randall Baptist Church with the Revs. Jimmy Alexander, Al Pulver, Ray Samuels, Kenneth Co-

per and Steve Randall officiating. Pall Bearers were Paul Hulse, Joe Hulse, Earl Hulse, Butch Summers, Michael Cote and Justin Robinson. Interment was in the Randall Family Cemetery in Wilson. Services were conducted by Rogers Funeral Home in Henryetta.

PHILLIP SCOTT

TULSA — Phillip Samuel Scott, a resident of Oklahoma City, Okla., was born April 29, 1937 in Wetumka, Okla., to Henry and Jemima Yargee Scott. He passed from this life on Nov. 7, 2010 at the age of 73 at Saint Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. Phillip was baptized on June 8, 1955 by Rev. Don Scott and was a member of the Wetumka Indian Baptist Church. As a young man, he was educated at Spurlock Indian School in Hartshorne and Euchee Indian School for Boy's in Sapulpa. In his adult life, he worked as a lumper, a furniture mover, and worked every year at the Oklahoma State Fair. He loved to play piano, Tribal Stomp dancing and loved to joke and cut up. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister: Dora Mae Birdcreek, two brothers: Billy James Scott and

Raymond Scott, Survivors include two daughters, Kathy and Sherry and one son, five nephews: Louis and wife Charlene Scott of Tulsa, Stanley Birdcreek of Okmulgee, Marty Birdcreek of Weleetka, Jamie Flimathy Scott of Kellyville, two nieces: Joyce Harrison and Sylvia Crawford of Weleetka, one uncle Turner Scott of Wetumka, 2 aunts, Lillie Whitlow of Wetumka and Winey Yargee of Holdenville. Services were Friday, November 12, 2010 at 2 p.m. at the Indian Baptist Church Wetumka, Okla., with Rev. Don Tiger officiating and Rev. Bill Hobia assisting. Interment was at the Wetumka Indian Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Gary Wesley, Lowell Wesley, Leo Wesley, Chris Scott, Lymon Yargee and Stanley Birdcreek. Services under the direction of Williamson-Spradlin Funeral Home Wetumka, Okla.

THANK YOU

SCREECHOWL RHINE

TULSA — We thank the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, St. John Hospital, Good Shepherd Hospice, Rogers Funeral Home, Randall Baptist Church, Rev. Timmy Lowe, Rev. Jimmy Alexander, Rev. Al Pulver, Rev. Ray Samuels, Rev. Kenneth Cooper and Rev. Steve Randall. Thank you also to Toske and Paula Willits for the CD of Muscogee songs and for singing those songs to Evelyn while she was at St. John; to Chris Ann Mack for preparing the food; Rachael Sumka, Pam Harjo, Gwen and Rosa Harjo for serving the food, Melissa Siefried and all who sent flowers, food, cards and paid their respects. Mvto,

-The Family of Evelyn Marie Screechowl Rhine.

GEORGE FAMILY

NAMPA, Idaho — My husband, Ruben George passed on July 17, 2010 and the Creek Nation helped with \$2,000 of his burial expenses. Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation. Mvto,
- Betty George and children.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MARY ALLRED



TULSA — Mary Fish Allred of McCloud, Okla., recently graduated from Rose State College with an Associate in Arts Degree specializing in Sociology and Substance Abuse.

Allred is the daughter of the late William Redbird Fish and Betty Riley Fish. Maternal grandparents are Minnie and Tom Riley.

Paternal grandmother is Millie Harper Fields. Maternal great-great grandfather was Chupco Riley. Allred is of the Arbeka Ceremonial Ground and the Fish Clan.

DAWN DEVORSE



TULSA — Dawn Dennison Devorse, a kidney recipient from Tulsa, Okla., recently attended the 2010 U.S. Transplant Games in Madison, Wisc., where she was honored to return home with a silver medal in

doubles bowling.

Dawn is the daughter of David Dennison, Sr., and the late Sally Roland Dennison. She has one brother, David Dennison of Sapulpa, Okla., and three sisters, Denise and Tina Dennison of Sapulpa, Okla., and Jessica Dennison Frazier of Harrah, Okla.

Dawn says she is here “fighting for life every day and not taking tomorrow for granted. These transplant games are a very important part of my life. Ever since that day, Feb. 10, 2004, I have been very thankful to my donor and her family, my husband, the doctors, nurses and my family for being involved in my health care. Most importantly, I am thankful to God for making the decision to give me a second, second chance in life!”

LINDA WASHINGTON



TULSA — Linda Washington of Oakland, Calif., completed her Master of Public Administration with emphasis on Law and Legal Policies at Walden University, Aug. 27, 2010. Graduating ceremonies are slated for Jan. 2011 in Miami, Flor. Washington is the daughter of Charlesetta Ptoe Wahsington and the granddaughter of Betty McNack.

BIRTHDAYS

CHEYENNE CULLEY

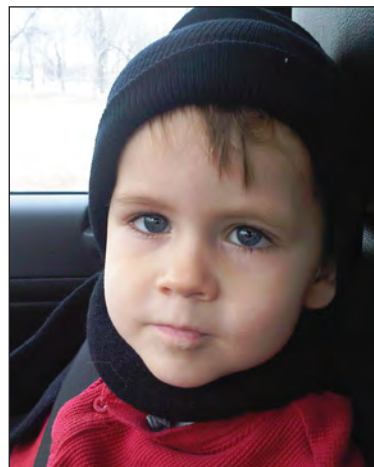
LAWRENCE, Kan., — Cheyenne Culley of Lawrence, Kan., cel-



ebrated a birthday, Sept. 20, 2010.

She is the daughter of Dollie Scott and Bill Culley. Siblings are Alisha, Dakota and Harlen. Grandparents are the late Lona and Joseph Scott and Dora Culley. Cheyenne is of the Wind Clan.

ANDREW ELLIS



JACKSON, Tenn., — Andrew Dalton Ellis will be celebrating his 5th birthday on Dec. 16, 2010.

He is the son of Sandra K. Ellis of Jackson, Tenn. Grandparents are Pat Ellis of Tenn., Chief A.D. Ellis and step grandma Gail of Beggs.

KIYA HANEY-POWELL

TULSA — Kiya B. Haney-Powell celebrated his birthday on Dec. 9 with an Iron Man themed party at Laser Quest in Tulsa, Okla.

Haney-Powell is of the Bear Clan and is the son of Cameron Powell of Henryetta and Jamie Haney of Jenks.



He is the brother of Takoma Wagnor of Henryetta. Maternal grandparents are Willie and Kathy Haney of Morris. Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Karen Powell of Henryetta. Maternal great-grandparents are the Late Woodrow and Hattie Haney and the Late Wesley and Joan Dunn. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Benjamin and Christine Harjo and Arthur and Mary Kelly.

MICHELLE PROCTOR



TULSA — Michelle Proctor turned seven years old Oct. 25, 2010. The family celebrated with a 'Toy Story 3' themed party.

Parents are Cindy Arechiga and George Proctor.

Maternal Grandparents are Sherry and Noel Castillo and Jose and Leticia Arechiga. Paternal Grandparents are Mike and Sharon Proctor. Maternal Great Grandparents are Joan and James Dickerson. Paternal Great Grandparents are Pauline Starr and Sam Proctor and the late George

B. and Christine B. Harjo.

Proctor currently attends Okmulgee Primary Schools and is in the first grade.

She is of the Wind Clan and is of the Tallahassee Wykokiye Tribal Town.

FUSHVKTE VANWOUNDENBERG



SAPULPA — Fushvkte Starr VanWoudenberg celebrated his 18th birthday Oct. 27, 2010. He is Creek, Choctaw and Chickasaw and is of the Wind Clan.

His mother is Tenna VanWoudenberg and his father is James Bible. Fushvkte is a senior as Sapulpa High School. As a chieftain he enjoys playing football, basketball and wrestling.

He is also a member of the Youth In Action, where he volunteers helping people in his community. He loves to spend time with his family, many friends and extended family and mentor, Richard Hicks, Jr.

Fushvkte celebrated his birthday with family and friends, eating his favorite dishes and opening presents.

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If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA,

**You Could Receive Benefits from
a \$760 Million Class Action Settlement.**

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

Am I included?

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; **and**
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you **either**:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; **or**
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

What does the Settlement provide?

The \$760 million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys' fees (between 4% and 8%, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to \$80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional \$20 million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

What can I get from the Settlement?

The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.

Track A – You can get a payment up to \$50,000 for your discrimination claim plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

Track B – You can get the amount of your actual damages up to \$250,000. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

USDA Loan Forgiveness – Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

How do I get benefits?

You will need to file a claim by **December 24, 2011** to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

What are my other rights?

- If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **February 28, 2011**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
- If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by **February 28, 2011**.

The Court will hold a hearing on **April 28, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys' fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.

For More Information: 1-888-233-5506 www.IndianFarmClass.com

Year-in-Review

2010 Muscogee award-winners



Pete Coser and Patrick Moore named as MCN Living Legends



MCN Festival Rodeo named IPRA's Best New Rodeo



MCN Communications wins three NAJA awards



Citizens receive Mvskoke Women's Leadership Initiative Awards

2010 leaves its mark

• Muscogee (Creek) Nation reflects on the unique year

Gerald Wofford
MCN Communications Manager

OKMULGEE — The year 2010 will have to be considered a tough year, a year that's in continuation. Continuation because a lot of events that occurred during this interesting year were not fully decided and conclusions of many of the events will continue on in 2011, and maybe on to 2012, but no matter how it is defined, boring is not a term to accurately describe the year 2010.

Court cases involving the Principal Chief and tribal communities continue with appeals and investigations; a tribal town within the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation would have its own feuds and may determine its own course with a future election, the extension of a District Judge's term continues, the possession of a historic jewel called the Creek Council House was finally realized, although its new identity is still being determined, and warrants and arrests were issued for community members with allegations of misappropriation of community funds that still have to be hashed out; these are just some of the news-making events that occurred in 2010 and will continue after its last day on Dec. 31.

The year got off to a quick start as the 16th Session of the National Council was officially sworn in with Roger Barnett voted in as Speaker and Samuel Alexander as Second Speaker. Stark news was given from Principal Chief A.D. Ellis in the yearly State of the Nation address as he announced a major economic shortfall to be anticipated for the coming year due to a depressed economy that had hit the entire country. The recession would



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Pictured above is College of the Muscogee Nation's 2010 graduating class, which received their diplomas in May.

likely affect programs and jobs for the tribe he said.

Court decisions would be handed down regarding the Principal Chief and the communities as Ellis sought injunctive relief as well as an accounting order that would help restore national management and financial control of six gaming communities. The case actually began in 2009, but received judgment in tribal court in March. Six gaming facilities were placed under the authority of the tribe's Gaming Operations Authority Board, prior to appeals filed by the communities shortly thereafter.

The tribe's Trade & Commerce Authority Board would see major changes, too after an audit was issued and found 'gross mismanagement and

speculative investments,' and a new administration was installed. The term of District Judge Patrick Moore would officially come to an end in June. However, without a qualified legal representative to fill the position and continue the duties, Moore has continued to fulfill this responsibility, despite protest from the National Council who filed a petition for declaratory relief with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court, which has continued to extend the Judge's service until a formal replacement has been made.

Tribal leaders appeared before leaders in Washington, D.C., regarding the land transfer of Fountainhead Resort near Eufaula. All members of Congress supported the resolution and the resort continues to be renovated.

There was other news in 2010, graduates attending the College of the Muscogee Nation would see their hard work pay off as senior students celebrated commencement activities in the Mound Building. Another class continues this semester with the hope of doing the same.

The 36th annual Creek Nation Festival & Rodeo was a great success as the mid-year celebration would garner an award from the International Rodeo Association as the 'Best New Rodeo' of the year and a new Miss Muscogee Nation was crowned by the name of Tusa Beaver. Dr. Pete Coser and Judge Patrick Moore would also be honored as 'Living legends' of the tribe.

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Year-in-Review

Year

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The *Muscogee Nation News* would pick up awards at the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) conference in Minneapolis in July, for the first time since 1995 when the MNN was a member of NAJA.

Statewide, the Oklahoma House of Representatives would honor the Creek Nation for their heritage and contributions to the state. Muscogee women veterans have long been proud of their service in the defense of this country and would be deservedly recognized with a statue that was placed in front of the Veteran Affairs Service Office (VASO).

We said good-bye to many Creek citizens in 2010 and in June of this year, we said our sincerest farewell to an honored lady, Fannie Barnett, who served as VASO's Administrative Assistant and was a former Miss Muscogee Senior Miss. Barnett exemplified everything good about being a Native American elder and was an excellent representative for the nation.

As the year progressed, gaming revenue would slowly begin to increase as the River Spirit Casino in Tulsa would unveil its new Event Center, and annual events such as Council Oak,



MNN/Ruth Bible

Pictured above are Mvskoke ceremonial ground leaders gathered at the 2010 Council Oak Tree Ceremony in Tulsa in Oct.

Green Corn and ceremonial season, as well as the promise of a good wild onion dinner were parts of the year that tribal members looked forward to.

Still, matters such as the dismissal of former Muscogee (Creek) Nation At-

torney General Roger Wiley, the legal case of the Thlophlocco Tribal Town, the revocation of the Eufaula Indian Community's charter, as well as the unresolved issue of the state and tribal tobacco compact would also mark the

year 2010.

Perhaps the event that garnered the most attention in 2010 was the arrest warrants issued for 11 community leaders charged with 'conspiracy to embezzle funds.'

Finally, negotiations would continue between the tribe and the city of Okmulgee concerning the Creek Council House. The asking price was \$3.2 million was finally settled upon, but not without some objection from Okmulgee citizens, who attempted to file a petition to stall the sale. The historic sale would eventually occur and both parties are still attempting to become better acquainted with each other and this process may continue, perhaps for forever.

The Council House sale would culminate in a symbolic ceremony on Nov. 20, 2010 as the National Council held its monthly meeting there just like the House of Kings and the House of Warriors did in the same tribal building over 100 years ago. A special ceremony afterward featured Creek songs, prayers and speeches as a large crowd witnessed the historic transaction on a bright Saturday afternoon. Mayor of Okmulgee Bryan Pregiel and Principal Chief Ellis signed the deed on the balcony of the Council House. How the centuries-old building will be cared for now will also be continually defined, just like this unique year has been. Perhaps it was best that one of the last events to mark the year 2010 displayed tribal unity, in spite of the confrontations it had and a desire to continue on.

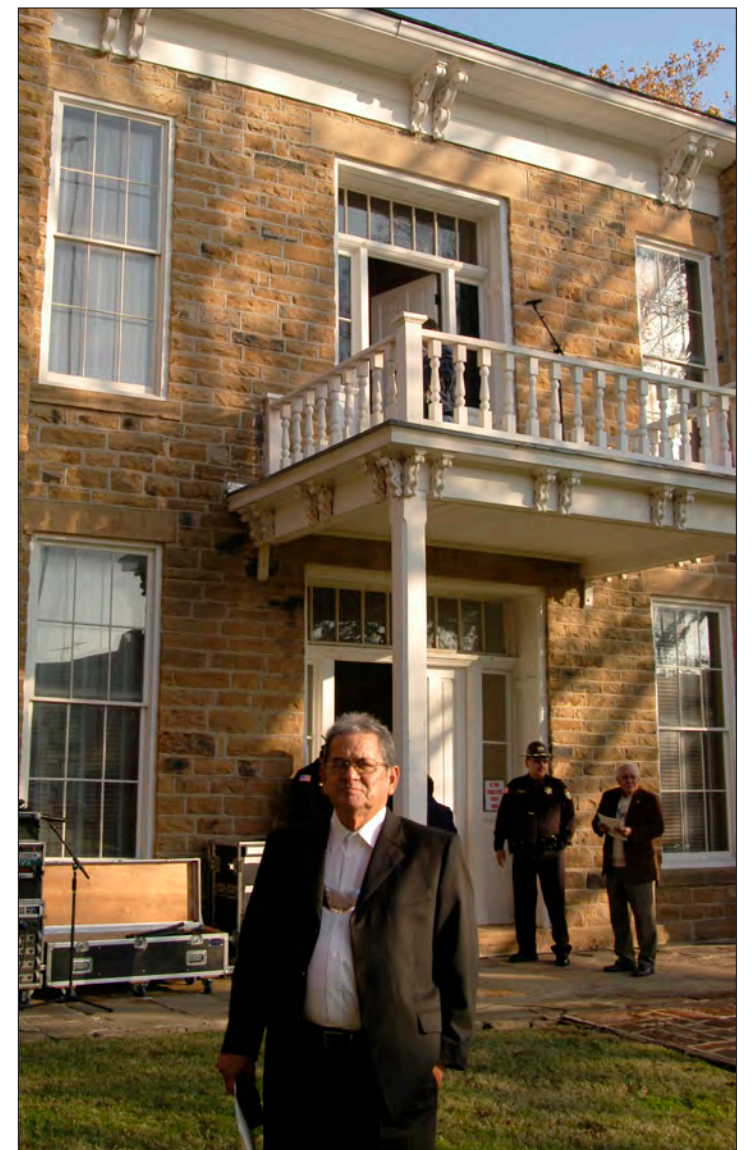


Year-in-Review

Muscogee (Creek) National Council Speaker Samuel Alexander commented that the Council House was a victory for the nation. "I am still uplifted and filled with gratitude about getting the Council House building back into tribal ownership. Negotiations with the bank group financing the River Spirit Casino resulted in substantial savings of interest, over \$4 million saved. Both of these positive events were the result of a joint effort of the National Council and Chief Ellis' administration in difficult political times. My hope for the coming year is to extinguish these disputes and work together again as a government and as the people would wish."

Speaker Roger Barnett added, "We came to some compromises on some of the issues that we have on the table right now and have a budget that needs to be passed as well as get some economic development that has been proposed and the financial prospects of the tribe."

Principal Chief A.D. Ellis added that unity of the tribal government is also in the best interests of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, "Mainly that we can get these law suits out of the way and take care of business, and to do what is in the best interest of the citizens."



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